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FIRST BABY OF 2006



Jocelyn Millikin, who is pictured being held by her parents, was born on Jan. 1 at 9:19 a.m. She is the first child of J.C. and Toni Millikin of Grayling. Weighing seven pounds and at 19.5 inches tall, Jocelyn was officially the first baby born in the new year at Mercy Hospital Grayling.

Supreme Court to hear court funding issues

The Michigan Supreme Court has agreed to hear a case involving the funding of benefits for the 46th Trial Court.

In a court order issued on Dec. 28, the Michigan Supreme Court agreed to address a lawsuit that the 46th Circuit Trial Court filed against

Crawford and Kalkaska Counties. The 46th Trial Court covers Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties.

In an opinion issued in May, 2005, the Michigan Court of Appeals affirmed Kent County Circuit Court Judge Dennis Kolenda's ruling which said that Crawford and Kalkaska Counties had to fund retirement health care and pension benefits for 46th Trial Court employees.

Following a six day-trial in the summer of 2003, Kolenda ruled that the benefits were necessary and a reasonable costs to fund the unified court.

Crawford and Kalkaska Counties disputed the benefits because officials said it would place unfunded liability on the counties.

Kolenda ruled that resolu-

tions passed by the county boards formed a valid contract with the trial court despite attempts to reverse the action by Crawford and Kalkaska County Commissioners.

Issues that the Supreme Court justices agreed to address include:

- whether evidence supported the conclusion that the level of funding offered by the counties was insufficient to allow the court to fulfill its essential court functions.

- whether evidence supported the conclusion that the failure to fund the health care and retirement benefits impacted the court's constitutional and statutory responsibilities, that the court's failure to obtain such benefits affected employee morale or the court's ability to retain or hire competent employees and that they were reasonable and necessary costs.

- whether Crawford County and or Kalkaska County entered into a contract with the 46th Trial Court to fund pension and health care benefits at a specific level.

Painting to raise awareness for endangered zebras

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Grayling artist has put the plight of an African zebra in black and white in hopes of helping save the endangered animal.

"Against the Clock," A Run for the Grevy's zebra is the latest creation completed by Kim Diment of Grayling. The painting was done to raise awareness and generate funds for the endangered Grevy's zebra.

The Grevy's zebra is one of the largest wild horses on the planet and is known for its elaborate striped patterns and large, rounded ears.

Due to over hunting for its decorated hide and the loss of habitat, the population of Grevy's zebras shrunk by 70 percent in the 1970s and 1980s. Presently, there are approximately 3,000 Grevy's zebras left in the world today. The decline has slowed in recent years, and there are some areas in Kenya where an increase in number has been noted. About 20 percent of the Grevy's zebras live at the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, a 62,000 acre wildlife refuge in Kenya.

Belinda Low, a researcher at the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, Continued on Page 3A

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Man killed in sled rollover accident

A 41-year-old Grayling man was killed in a snowmobile accident which occurred on New Years Day.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk A. Wakefield said the fatal snowmobile accident was discovered at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006 along North Down River Road near Stephan Bridge Road in Grayling Township.

The accident occurred sometime during the early morning hours after Milton Arthur Peterson left a friend's home. Peterson was riding his 1995 Skidoo snowmobile alone when he attempted to climb a steep ditch onto the shoulder of North Down River Road. The snowmobile rolled, pinning Peterson underneath the machine which was the position he was found in several hours later.

Peterson was wearing a helmet. Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the accident, which remains under investigation.

Peterson was pronounced dead at the scene by the Crawford County Medical Examiners Office. Mobile Medical Response EMS assisted at the scene of the accident.

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Local ski season in full gear

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Whether you prefer downhill or cross country, Crawford County is the place to be for those who love to ski. This year's season started in late December and is just now getting into full swing. The Avalanche took the opportunity to interview some local businesses and resorts to see just how this season is shaping up.

"The trails are great right now," said Justin Andre, director of Grayling's iconic winter sports park, Hanson Hills. The resort currently has three downhill runs open, plus a tubing hill and miles of groomed cross country trails. More downhill trails are expected to open throughout the season.

"We have opened up our terrain park a little more," said Andre. For those who seek big air, the expanded Hanson Hills terrain park now includes larger jumps and ramps, plus a grinding rail for the true daredevils. Big air competitions are scheduled for later in the season.

"I think we're going to have a lot stronger season," said Andre. "Already, we're having increased membership from last year."

Andre noted that Hanson Hills is most popular among middle school aged kids and families.

"It's just a great learning area," said Andre. Positive reports are also being heard from the Skyline Ski & Country Club, where 10 out of 11 downhill runs are fully open and ready to be skied.

"We've got good snow, good

ski conditions," said resort owner Jerry Balmes. He noted that business has been a bit slow, likely because of misconceptions about the snow conditions.

"When you have rain downstate during the holidays people seem to think it's raining everywhere," said Balmes. Skyline's slopes are fully ready to be skied, even without the use of artificial snow machines.

"We're probably the best deal around," said Balmes. New for this season is a remodeled lodge which went through \$50,000 worth of renovations. The restaurant menu has also been updated for the winter season.

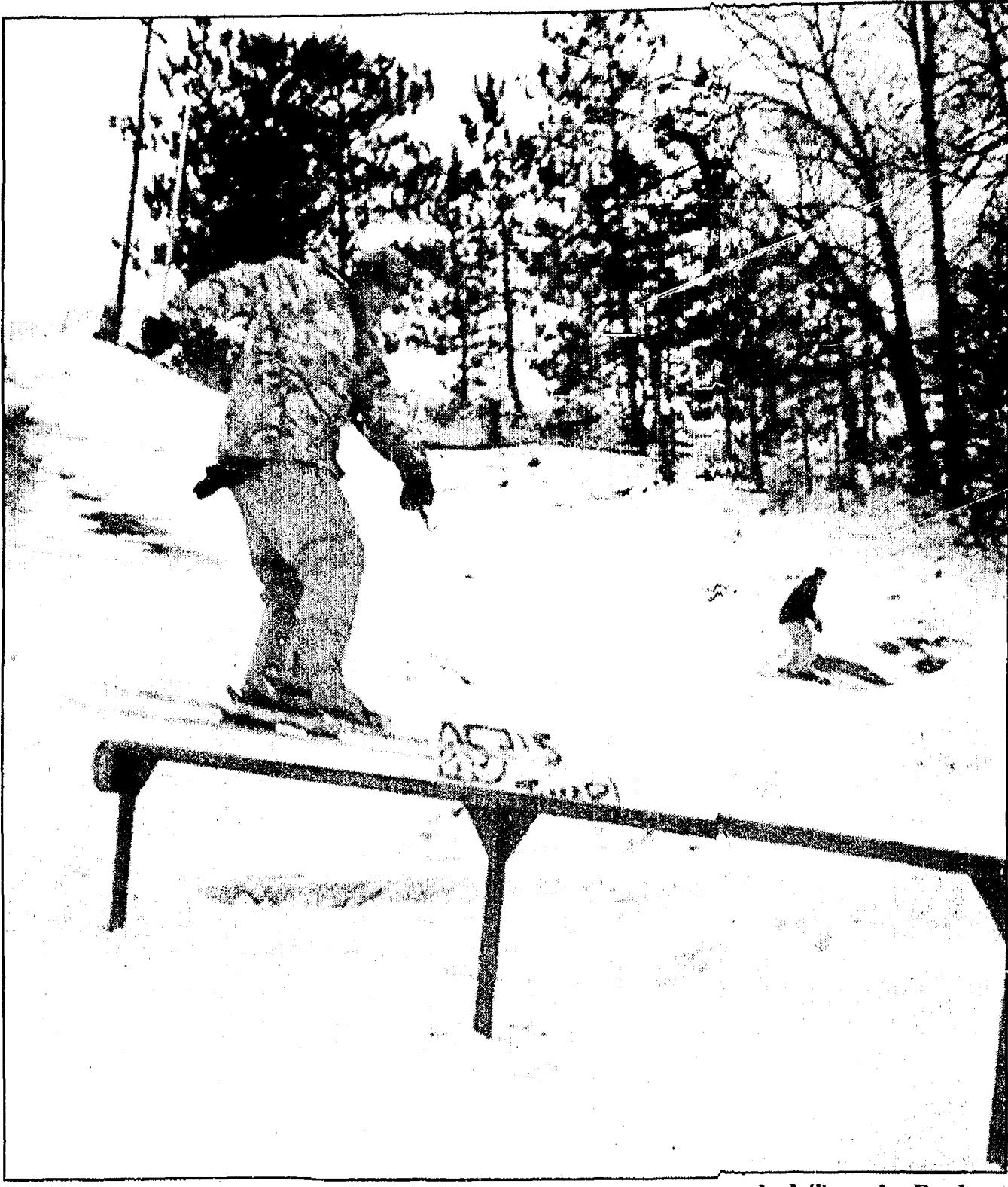
Skyline is also an excellent destination for snowmobile enthusiasts, as the state trails link up with a trail system maintained on resort property.

"They can ride right up to the parking lot," said Balmes. For those who prefer going the distance over quick bursts of adrenaline, there is even more good news coming from the local cross country scene.

"We've had great conditions so far," said Dick Fultz, a local cross country ski enthusiast and owner of the Cross Country Ski Shop. Fultz's shop has already seen a lot of business this season.

"If there's snow, there's really big interest in it," said Fultz. He noted that the most popular trails are at Hanson Hills and the area behind the Holiday Inn.

"January and February are always good ski months," said Fultz. "Whenever there's snow, you should be skiing."



Area skier Jon Handy catches some air at the newly expanded Terrain Park at Hanson Hills. Reports of ski conditions throughout the area are mostly positive.

Fultz offered a word of caution: "It's not as popular...you can't ski while smoking a pack of Marlboros."

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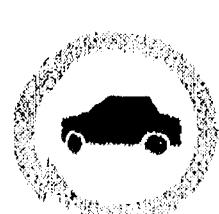
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From left: Linda Golnick, Laurie Figley, Lynn Porritt-McConnell and Kay Cosgray are all past Athena Award winners who would like to see the program continue. "We're all very honored to be recipients," said Porritt-McConnell.

New funding needed for Athena Award program

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Since 1992, the Grayling Chamber of Commerce has been presenting the Athena Award to business professionals who have shown great dedication to assisting women in the professional environment as well as being an important asset to the overall community.

Unfortunately, due to recent changes in the Athena International fee structure, the Athena Award program in Crawford County is facing some challenging new hurdles.

"With those increases it's a burden on a small community," said Kay Cosgray, last year's award recipient. In the past, the Grayling Chamber fronted a \$100 fee to Athena International for the right to run the program.

Brad Scheer of Scheer Motors has been the primary business sponsor, paying for the marble and bronze sculpture that is presented to award recipients.

Starting in 2006, Athena International will be charging \$1,100 to any community that wishes to host the Athena Award program. Representatives from Athena International were unavailable for comment as this story went to press, but the \$1000 fee increase was likely implemented to cover the costs of recent program expansions on the worldwide scale.

"This award has worldwide

recognition and therefore we are showing the people that are making a difference in our community that we should be on a worldwide stage," said 2002 recipient Lynn Porritt-McConnell. The increased licensing fee does not take effect until the 2006 awards are handed out (which will happen in early 2007), so local officials only have a year to acquire the necessary funds for the program to continue.

The neighboring communities of Gaylord and Petoskey are already considering discontinuing the program in their districts. Yet, according to 2001 award recipient Laurie Figley, this is not a possibility in the Grayling area.

"We're not even considering that as an option," said Figley. This sentiment was echoed by her peers.

"We feel it's important that there be more recipients in our community," said Porritt-McConnell. Both agreed that the award program is an invaluable resource that has the potential to make a major positive impact on people's lives.

"For me, it's made me really try to step up to the plate and it's really made me feel an obligation to be a good business person and a positive influence on the community," said Figley. "I think it would be devastating for us to lose that."

Athena Award recipients are

determined by a panel of past recipients who review the strengths of the nominees. According to Athena International press material, judged criteria include "professional excellence, community service and actively assisting women in their attainment of professional excellence and leadership skills."

"Knowing that their hard work and effort has an opportunity to be recognized and rewarded is very important," said Porritt-McConnell. Local program supporters are calling for additional area businesses to help sponsor the program. With enough sponsors, the additional costs can be brought down to a manageable level.

Athena Award supporters emphasized that even small contributions will help. Any donations should be made through the Grayling Chamber of Commerce. Sponsors will be recognized at the award ceremony.

"The knowledge of the worldwide scene and putting Grayling in the worldwide community is important," said Porritt-McConnell. In the meantime, all nominations for potential 2005 recipients are due by Jan. 31, with the award ceremony taking place on Feb. 9 at the Holiday Inn.

"I think it gives people something to strive for," said Figley.

Painting to raise awareness for zebras

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has trained local Kenyans to assist with the ever-growing research and zebra conservation program at Lewa. Trained spotters who spend time out in the field record data on Grevy's zebras, especially the breeding females.

Along with census information, a record is also kept of the babies which females have had or haven't had and which heard they might be associating with. Spotters also keep information on predator kills and natural deaths. Low also travels aboard to educate people about the plight of the Grevy's zebras and to conduct fund-raising for her efforts.

Diment, who operates her artist studio, Fine Art and Animal, has traveled back and forth from Africa since 1992.

In 2001, Diment had three of her creations accepted into the international "Wildcat Art Show" juried by renowned African artist, Simon Combes. The connection allowed Diment to attend Combes' 2004 artist safari in Kenya, which included stops in several locations including the Lewa Downs Wildlife Conservancy. While at Lewa,

Diment learned that a group was seeking to have an artist create a painting of the Grevy's zebra. Diment met with Low, and the project began to take form.

In August, Diment traveled to Lewa conservancy for a seven-day trip. Her guide named Simberi helped her find zebras and make her way around the vast conservancy.

Diment did field sketches and took photos while she was on the trip. The voyage was bitterest, because Combes has been killed by a Cape buffalo prior to her trip. Diment said there was a rabid hyena, which had to be killed, while she was on her expedition, and she also encountered a pack of curious lions, but said the danger is minimal as long as she was with a guide.

"If you don't respect the animals over there you can get yourself into a world of hurt, but it is well worth the risk that you put yourself in," Diment said.

In November, Diment completed a painting and three black and white drawings of the Grevy's zebras.

It was the first time Diment had done a painting depicting a zebra.

"It was challenging, getting

the stripes right and getting the patterns right so it was convincing," she said.

The acrylic painting depicting six Grevy's Zebras running in the field will be auctioned off in London later this year to raise funds for the Lewa conservancy's efforts. Copies of the painting will also be sold by Diment and the conservancy. Note cards of the pen and ink drawings will be sold at the Lewa Conservancy and some United States zoos.

"If I can do my part, raising awareness for the Grevy's zebras through my art along with getting a little publicity for the cause, that works really well for me and I feel good about what I'm doing," Diment said.

Diment, who was an art teacher in Standish and Alpena, moved to Grayling four years ago with her husband, Dr. Carl Schubert, an OB/GYN at Mercy Hospital Grayling. Diment grew up on the AuSable River in Oscoda. She has degrees in fine arts and zoology and said she began integrating love of art and animals at an early age.

"It's something that I love very much and it makes it easier to paint something that I like," she said.

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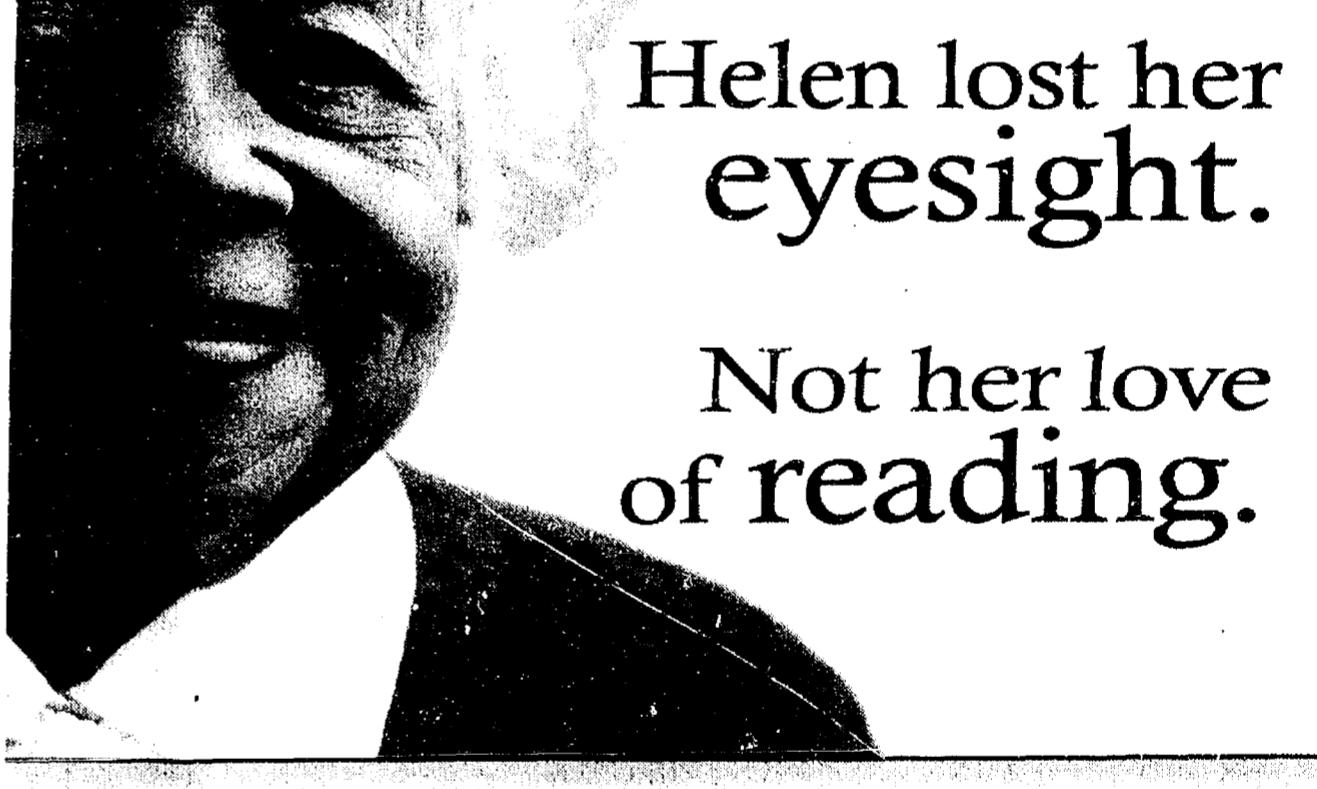
After a five year study, the government concluded: "Independent testing shows greater fuel savings with the Gas Saver than the 22% claimed by the developer." In addition to the fuel savings, the Gas Saver has received patents for cleaning out the carbon and raising octane, making the higher cost fuel unnecessary for most vehicles.

Joe Robinson, the developer, commented: "Since the government concluded its study, we have sold a half million Gas Savers. To our surprise, more people buy the Gas Saver because it extends engine life by cleaning out the carbon than buy it to increase gas mileage or to raise octane."

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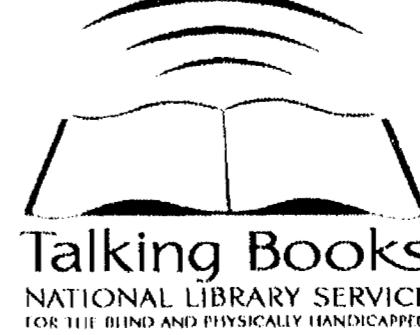
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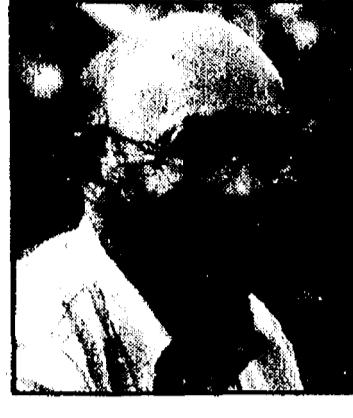
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

In review, some 2005 Almanack thoughts

WHAT BETTER way to begin a new year than to look back over the year just concluded. So for faithful readers of this column – both of them – here's a chance to ponder anew some of the wit, wisdom, whimsy or whatever that appeared in the Almanack in 2005.

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On the importance of history: Americans seem to blank out almost everything that happened in the world before they reached adulthood. They consider history to have begun when they were born. It may seem that way to each of us, but it is not true.

On former Presidents Bush and Clinton and tsunami relief: According to all reports, the roaming ambassadors did themselves proud, created bushels of good will for the nation, and were a credit to themselves and to America.... Why must our national leaders be out of office before they set aside differences and cooperate in the interests of the public good?

On gas prices: Been to a gas pump lately? What's going on

with the price of gas at the pump? Meanwhile, with much fanfare, Congress investigates illegal muscle building in sports. Maybe instead of studying steroids, they should be tackling the octane problem.

On the legislature: Here's a key point to keep in mind: Although the public may not be happy with the legislature and want change, most voters also think their own legislators are okay and keep sending them back to Lansing.

On term limits: The solution to the whole lawmaking dilemma, in my view, is a part time legislature, with removal of the careerism long associated with state lawmaking: Do away with such things as large salaries, pensions, life-long health care, bulging staffs and offices, and other perks. I might even trade term limits for that scenario. Anybody have petitions going for those real reforms?

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On population loss: Jobs are only part of the solution for Michigan growth. Michigan must provide not only good jobs but also good local schools, good universities,

good environment, good roads, realistic taxes, safe streets and attractive neighborhoods, inviting things to do besides work – the arts, good shopping, good libraries, sports and recreation opportunities in a word, all the other things that contribute to making wherever you are a good place to be. Only then will more people be inclined to seek out or remain in Michigan. The only other way to reverse our downward population trend is to find some way to substitute year around sunshine and warmth for Michigan weather. That seems to work for Arizona and Florida anyway.

On elections: All candidates think they can win. In an election with only two candidates on the ballot, one will be right. There's always a chance.

On computers and education: If the sole purpose of high school is to prepare young people to enter the work force, maybe there's some merit in the Bill Gates thesis that American high schools are obsolete. But in my view, that's only a small part of what high school is all about. High school

years probably are the most important period in anyone's personal development, too, as well as an introduction to broader horizons of life and living, including the tantalizing possibilities offered by further education. Despite Bill Gates, computers are not all that everything is about ... at least not yet. It will be a sad day when and if they become so.

On traffic congestion: Even if public transportation becomes easily available in traffic clogged areas, would the public use it and leave their cars at home? Probably not. Next time you're driving, notice how many cars carry only one person – the driver. We're a nation of individuals, and our auto heritage especially in Michigan encourages our singular personalities.

On income taxes: One theory behind the personal income tax is that when revenues fluctuate in relation to need, lawmakers can merely adjust the tax rate up or down to cover the shortage or reduce the surplus. Time has shown that's not as simple in practice as it may appear in planning.

ers in the future will diminish rather than increase, and that our national day to honor those who have served their country by bearing military arms will stop growing in significance. Only lasting international peace, based on human dignity and equal justice, will fulfill such a vision. That should be America's consistent goal.

On protecting our freedoms: Every action of government at any level should be evaluated by how it squares with the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights and the First Amendment to our original constitution, and not amended since adoption. The first steps away from freedom are tiny ones. These rights and freedoms arguably have proven to be the most significant part of our country's foundation. Those Founding Fathers knew what they were doing. Let's not screw it up now.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

Paul Bunyan, Babe born in Oscoda, House insists

by Kristen Cain
Capitol News Service

Move over, Minnesota. Wave off, Washington. Clear out, California. Quit it, Quebec.

The man who is responsible for carving out the Great Lakes and the Grand Canyon finally received official recognition when the House passed a resolution making Oscoda the birthplace of larger-than-life Paul Bunyan and his blue ox, Babe.

However, it's not the oversized cradle and enormous baby bottles that Oscoda's claiming: It's the birth of Bunyan's tall tale that has become engrained in American storytelling.

Rep. Joel Sheltrown, D-West Branch, the resolution's sponsor, said he hoped it would increase interest in and promote tourism for Northeast Michigan.

A community steeped in the

tradition of logging, Oscoda boasts a Paul Bunyan statue as well as a lumberman's memorial and murals depicting the industry. Its location between Alpena and Bay City on the AuSable River and Lake Huron made it an ideal place for logging.

Township Supervisor Rob Huebel III said the resolution will definitely encourage the community to take another look at adding more memorials.

"For a lot of folks here, it's always been something we've talked about," said Huebel. "We have officially laid claim to Paul Bunyan and we're very happy for that."

According to the resolution, the legend of Paul Bunyan was based on the extraordinary French-Canadian logger Fabian Fournier but it evolved into a compilation of characteristics from many lumberjacks.

The first printed version of

the legend was written by James MacGillivray and published in the Oscoda News in 1906, according to the resolution.

Naturally, the story has grownliterarily and physically over nearly 200 years to include many different characters and adventures.

However, while the stories vary greatly depending on who's telling them, their collective value remains important, said Elizabeth Rich, an associate professor of English at Saginaw Valley State University.

Over the past several years, Rich has incorporated a folklore unit into her writing classes, teaching students how such

tales speak to the core values of a community and give groups a collective identity.

"It sets the basic stories that most people in contemporary literature draw from," she said. "Folklore really does live on."

Several other states, including California, Maine, Minnesota and Washington, along with Quebec, also lay claim as Bunyan's birthplace. Statues of Paul and Babe stand in many towns throughout the nation.

"A lot of people have studied Paul Bunyan," said LuAnne Kozma, curator of folk art at the Michigan State University Museum. "It's really hard to know where legends come from."

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Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will be attending the Lovells Township meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to attend. The Sheriff will be there throughout the meeting and, if necessary, will remain afterwards for additional questions or comments.

Band boosters plan monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling Middle School Band Room. All parents of band students are invited to attend and become more involved in the activities that support the instrumental music program for both the Grayling Middle School and the Grayling High School.

Free dance classes with top instructors offered by Interlochen

Classes double as auditions to prestigious summer and high-school programs

Dance faculty from Interlochen Center for the Arts will conduct open dance classes in seven locations throughout North America over the next two months. The classes—which will include ballet, pointe and modern technique—can also serve as auditions for admission to two of Interlochen's world-renowned educational programs: Interlochen Arts Camp and Interlochen Arts Academy.

The audition classes, for which no preregistration is necessary, will be held in January in Minneapolis, Chicago, Miami and Cincinnati as well as Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. February audition classes will be held in Seattle and also in Michigan. Michigan auditions will be held in Detroit on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Arts Academy in the Woods; and at Interlochen on Saturday, Feb. 11, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the Interlochen Center for the Arts.

Interlochen Dance faculty will be on hand at this winter's class/audition sessions to answer questions and conduct the classes. Each year, Interlochen fills approximately 48 dance openings for each session of the summer Arts Camp and 40 for the high-school Arts Academy.

Interlochen Arts Academy, North America's premier arts boarding school, makes available \$5 million in financial aid each year. The school offers rigorous academic instruction on a 1,200-acre wooded campus in northwest lower Michigan. The Academy's Dance Division leads a ballet-based program, complemented by study in modern, jazz and

other contemporary dance styles, and mounts numerous fully-produced dance productions. The academic year runs from September through May.

North America's first and foremost summer arts program, Interlochen Arts Camp, provides both ballet and modern emphases in its Dance program. Campers can attend one or both of the three-week sessions offered. Serious and experienced dancers receive intense study and performance opportunities, and financial aid is available. Interlochen Arts Camp's 79th season runs June 24 through Aug. 7, 2006.

The nonprofit Interlochen Center for the Arts is the only community in the world that brings together a 2000-student summer camp program, a 500-student fine arts boarding high school with college-prep academics a 155-student independent pre-K through 8th-grade day school and summer day camp, two 24-hour listener-supported public radio services (classical music and news), year-round opportunities for hundreds of adults to engage in fulfilling artistic and creative programs, 600 arts presentations annually by students, faculty and world-renowned guest artists, and a global alumni base spanning eight decades, including a galaxy of arts luminaries.

Arts lovers, lifelong learners and the world's most talented and motivated young people are drawn to Interlochen from all over the country and all over the world to celebrate and create excellence in creative writing, dance, motion picture arts, music, theatre, visual arts and academics, presentations and public broadcasting. This cultural fusion creates an exhilarating energy with global impact.

For more information call 800-681-5912 or www.interlochen.org/dance.

Free flowering trees from the Arbor Day Foundation

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during January 2006.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are two White Flowering Dogwoods, two Flowering Crab Apples, two Washington Hawthorns, two American Rosebuds and two Kousa Dogwoods.

"These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small spaces," John Rosenow, the foundation's president, said. "They will give your home the beauty of lovely pink, white and yellow flowers—and also provide winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to 12 inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the foundation's bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to: Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2006. Or go online to arborday.org.



Howard Wright is pictured here with his daughter, Judy, and wife, Regina. Wright's family and friends are banding together to help him combat his cancer.

Spaghetti dinner to benefit Vietnam War vet

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

In November, local Vietnam War veteran Howard "Butch" Wright was diagnosed with cancer in the kidneys and spine. Today, community members are banding together to get Wright the treatment that he needs.

"He doesn't have insurance, so we're trying to raise quite a little bit," said his aunt, Connie Wright. Howard Wright, who lives on North Down River Road with his wife and 10-year-old

daughter, qualifies for care from a veteran's hospital but doesn't have the financial resources to make regular trips to the facility.

"He's strictly depending on what the VA (Department of Veteran Affairs) can do for him," said Wright. According to

Connie Wright, Howard recently lost his job as a direct consequence of his illness.

"It was really a devastating shock," said Wright. As of press time, Howard Wright has yet to undergo any kind of drug or radi-

ation therapy to combat his illness. In response, his family and friends are hosting a benefit spaghetti dinner in order to raise the funds that he needs in order to pursue treatment for his cancer.

The dinner will be held at the Eagles Club hall on Jan. 7 from 2-8 p.m. The meal will include spaghetti, rolls, tossed salad and dessert.

USDA Direct Single Family Housing loans available

Crawford County residents in need of a loan to either buy a home or repair their own, may qualify for help from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

USDA Rural Development can make owning a home affordable for low-income homebuyers. The direct loan program allows families and individuals to buy a home with no money down and affordable monthly payments.

To qualify for the program an applicant's adjusted gross income cannot exceed 80 percent of the median income for the county. In Crawford County, a family of four can qualify with an adjusted gross income of up to \$39,600. The applicant(s) must also demonstrate the ability to repay the loan.

The maximum amount an applicant can borrow in Crawford County is \$148,000. However, other than the maximum cost, there are a few restrictions on what type of home can be purchased. For example, a borrower can choose to purchase an existing home, a traditionally constructed new home or a manufactured home.

Homeowners with difficulty affording needed repairs may also be able to take advantage of Rural Development programs. Home repair loans are available up to \$20,000 with an interest rate of only one percent. Grants of up to \$7,500 may also be available for homeowners over age 62.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Dec. 25 of \$25 each: John MacLeod, Roger Palmer, Al Smith, Jim Brown, Dick Mansfield, Katie Tinker, Dennis Henning, Anne Marie Kuszak, Carolyn Osborne, Jane Fornell, John Besonen, Dodie Steffes, Todd Kotrash (2), Len Rodney, George Stancil, Teresa Raybald, and Helen Spencer.

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UPDATED SCHEDULE... IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Kirtland Community College announces its Workforce Development Training Calendar for 2005-2006. These courses are designed to help employees in all types of businesses upgrade their skills, and would-be employees lay a foundation for future employment.

Workforce Development Training Calendar 2005 - 2006

Computer Classes		
Course	Dates	Location
QuickBooks - Level 1	Nov. 22	West Branch
	Jan. 18	Gaylord
QuickBooks - Level 2	Nov. 29	West Branch
	Jan. 19	Gaylord
MS Excel - Levels 1 & 2	May 16	West Branch
	June 13	Gaylord
MS Excel - Levels 3 & 4	May 18	West Branch
	June 15	Gaylord
Downloading Digital Pictures to your Computer	Dec. 7	Gaylord

Management and Leadership Classes		
Course	Dates	Location
Leadership Styles	Feb 9	West Branch
	Feb 7	Gaylord
Managing Conflict	April 4	West Branch
	April 6	Gaylord
Building Effective Work Teams	May 2	West Branch
	May 4	Gaylord

MIOSHA Safety Training		
Course	Dates	Location
Health Issues Relating to Construction	Jan. 18	Gaylord
Health Issues Relating to Health Care	Mar. 15	Gaylord
Industrial Hygiene for the Safety Professional	May 24 & 25	Gaylord

Job Skills Training		
Course	Dates	Location
EPA Refrigerant Certification	Feb. 17, 18	West Branch
	Mar. 17, 18	Gaylord
Builders' Estimating Class 1	Dec. 13	West Branch
	Dec. 19	Gaylord
Builders' Estimating Class 2	Mar. 7	West Branch
	Mar. 14	Gaylord
Electrical Code Update	Dec. 15	West Branch
	Dec. 20	Gaylord
Industrial Hygiene for the Safety Professional	Mar. 9	West Branch
	Mar. 16	Gaylord
MIOSHA Safety Training	Dec. 2 & 3	West Branch
	Dec. 6, 7, & 8	Gaylord

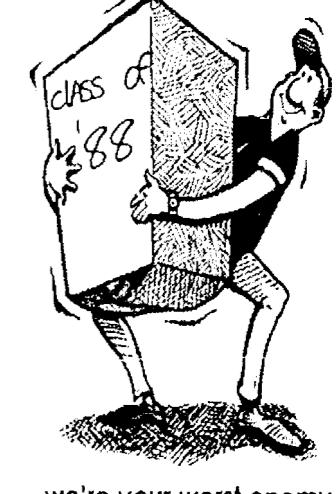
For More Information Contact:

Mark McCullum, Director of Workforce Development
M-TEC @ Kirtland Gaylord
60 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord, Michigan 49735
989-705-3600
mccullum@kirtland.edu

Check website for latest class location and times.
Schedule subject to change without notice.
<http://mtec.kirtland.edu/WorkforceTraining/WrkDevCourses.htm>

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The Bible Speaks

Gospel of Righteousness

Paul is not ashamed of the gospel of Christ because of the person, power, purpose, and plan of the gospel according to Romans 1:16. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Now in Romans 1:17 Paul teaches us why he is not ashamed of the perfection, pathway, and prophecy of the gospel. "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith..." This is a revealed faith from the God of faith, not some conjured up human faith of self-effort. Hebrews 12:2 tells us Jesus is both the author and finisher of our faith. Romans 10:17 tells us that believing the Word of God is the only source of true faith. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." God's gift of both grace and faith brings us to salvation according to Ephesians 2:8,9: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

"For therein," meaning within the gospel of Christ, "is the righteousness of God revealed." Jesus Christ is made unto us righteousness as Paul tells us in 1 Cor. 1:30: "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." Jesus Christ as our Savior became our substitute as Peter said in 1 Peter 2:24, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree. That we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness by whose stripes ye were healed." He died for our sins and became our righteousness according to 2 Cor. 5:21: "For he hath made him

to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

Next we see the pathway of the perfect gospel of righteousness, "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith..." This is a revealed faith from the God of faith, not some conjured up human faith of self-effort. Hebrews 12:2 tells us Jesus is both the author and finisher of our faith. Romans 10:17 tells us that believing the Word of God is the only source of true faith. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." God's gift of both grace and faith brings us to salvation according to Ephesians 2:8,9: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Last we study the prophecy of the perfect gospel of righteousness. "...As it is written, The just shall live by faith." This doctrinal truth is found four times in the Bible, first the foundational verse in Habakkuk 2:4 of the Old Testament. "Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith." Then in Romans 1:17 we study the emphasis on how one becomes just before God by faith alone. "For therein is the right-

eousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith." In Galatians 3:11 we are told how those who are just by faith alone shall live. "But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith." Then in Hebrews 10:38 we are introduced to faith alone before entering the faith chapter of the Bible, Hebrew 11. "But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith." As Paul said in Romans 4:5: "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." Romans 5:1,2 reminds us of the results of such justification by faith alone. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Are you trusting in the gospel of God's righteousness by faith? Pastor "B"

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Nelson to support troops overseas

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A woman known for providing exemplary service to the troops at Camp Grayling has volunteered to travel to Iraq.

Rose Mary Nelson, the military clothing sales store supervisor at the Post Exchange at Camp Grayling, will be leaving Grayling later this month to serve in a similar capacity to support Operating Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom.

Nelson, who is married to Wayne Nelson, a retired Air Force veteran, has been working at Post Exchanges, stores which provide services and merchandise to troops, for over four decades.

There are over 450 civilian associates who are employed through the Army and Air Force Exchange Service who operate post exchange facilities supporting Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. That includes 62 exchanges, 65

phone centers and more than 100 name brand fast food operations throughout Afghanistan, Iraq, Oatar, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kuwait.

Nelson, 66, said she simply wants to give back to the troops since the military has supported her family over the years.

"Those troops are there for us and we need to support them," she said.

While not overly concerned about her safety since she will be on an enclosed military base, Nelson said she does have some concerns about dealing with harsh weather in the Middle East.

"It could be like Michigan weather - wait until tomorrow - it will be different," Nelson said.

Nelson has worked at the Post Exchange at Camp Grayling since 1994.

In 1995, Nelson received the Legion of Merit medal from the Michigan Army National Guard for increasing the merchandise

and services available to the troops, extending store hours to accommodate troops in the field and dramatically reducing complaints at the Post Exchange at Camp Grayling.

Nelson is involved with the Grayling Promotional Association, is a member at the Grayling Free Methodist Church, is a member of the Grayling American Legion Auxiliary Post #0106 and Grayling Women of the Moose Chapter #827.

Col. Tom Lamie, the deputy commander at Camp Grayling, said volunteers who work in the Post Exchanges provide critical morale support to the troops while they are deployed.

"It's a critical role in any operation," Lamie said.

Non-appropriated revenues earned through Post Exchange facilities are a supplemental source of funding for military morale, welfare and recreation programs.

Crawford County Resource Council to form

The Crawford Adult Resource Exchange has disbanded and is trying to form a Crawford County Resource Council.

The first meeting will be on Jan. 12, at the Holiday Inn, from noon to 1 pm. This is a luncheon to discuss local community resource issues as well as a network opportunity for those who do resource referrals. Lunch will be available at each participant's expense. Meetings will be held quarterly unless the group decides to meet more often.

The Crawford Adult Resource Exchange has met all directives, some of the projects were: Crawford County Resource Guide, and the CARE Expo that

would like all agencies, or departments who would like to share information to serve the public in Crawford County to attend our Crawford County Resource Council.

For more information contact Diane Campbell at DHS 348-7691.

Grayling man killed in M-72 car crash

A 73-year-old Grayling man was killed in an accident last week.

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a two vehicle accident which occurred at the intersection of M-18 (McMaster's Bridge Road) and M-72 in South Branch Township at 5:33 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 28.

Glen John Bedell of Grayling was fatally injured in the accident which involved a semi-truck.

The accident remains under investigation by the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, a Michigan State Police Accident Investigator and the Michigan State Police Motor Carrier Division.

The South Branch Township Fire and EMS Mobile Medical Response EMS assisted at the scene.

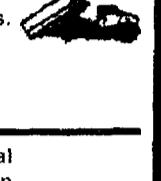


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EPA: Children need safe distance from chemicals

by Amy Payne
Capitol News Service

Pesticides and cleansers may do a great job of killing unwanted bugs and germs, but some experts say they can also do great harm to people, especially children.

The effects of acute exposure to pesticides — that is, actually ingesting it in a substantial dosage — can range from shortness of breath and vomiting to coma and death. That's why the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) urges parents to keep pesticides and cleansers in locked cabinets at least four feet off the ground, out of the reach of children.

Nearly half of American homes don't follow this directive, at least not completely, the EPA said.

To help people appreciate the levels of toxins in their homes, the Ecology Center, an environmental advocacy group centered in Ann Arbor, conducted a study

of chemicals that settle into household dust. Ten residents of Detroit, West Bloomfield, East Lansing, Traverse City, Grand Rapids and Ann Arbor vacuumed their houses and shipped the filled bags to a national testing lab. All 10 samples tested positive for significant levels of pesticide, household cleaners and other chemicals linked to reproductive problems, birth defects and breast cancer.

But the toxins in pesticides and other household chemicals can be dangerous even when they're out of the reach of children.

"There's a lot of things that children are exposed to in-utero and in the first few years of their lives," said Lana Pollack, president of the Michigan Environmental Council, a coalition of environmental groups.

The EPA sets "safe" levels of chemicals that people are exposed to every day. But it's hard to imagine what a micro-

gram of some difficult-to-pronounce chemical even looks like, let alone the kind of impact it has on people.

The EPA says children are more susceptible to harmful chemicals in pesticides and cleansers because their immune systems aren't as strong as those in adults. Also, children are more likely to play on the floor or on the lawn, where such products are the most concentrated.

Mitch Irwin, the new director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, said his department tries to respond to any complaints about side effects of chemicals, "even if they're complaints about a rash."

The Agriculture Department has a responsibility to protect consumers from harmful products.

"Sometimes products are pulled off the shelves," Irwin said. "It's happened before, and it'll happen again."

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The Michelson Memorial Singers recently returned to Grayling after a 10-day tour in Vienna. The choir, which was invited to Vienna for the Advent Festival, performed daily at churches and in community buildings for the public.



Price of postage hiked again

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Just in time for those post holiday thank-you notes, the United States Postal Service (USPS) has decided to raise the price of stamps another two cents, to 39 cents. The new prices take effect on Jan. 8, although the new stamps are available now.

According to a USPS press release, the price hike is due to rising expenses, especially fuel costs.

The first 39 cents stamp of 2006 features an image of the Statue of Liberty superimposed against an American Flag. The accompanying two cent corrective stamp is a reprint of the 2004 stamp which depicts a silver and turquoise necklace from the Navajo culture.

In light of these fairly frequent price hikes, there may be some confusion about the most current rates of other services. The complete price list of all standard USPS services is as follows:

First-Class Mail:

First ounce is 39 cents, additional ounce is 24 cents, postcard rate is 24 cents and stamped cards are 26 cents.

Priority Mail:

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envelope is \$4.05 and a flat rate box is \$8.10.

Express Mail:

Up to 1/2 pound and flat rate envelope is \$14.40 and over 1/2 pound and up to two pounds is \$18.80.

Insurance:

Insurance against loss or damage up to \$5,000 (with certain limitations applying) is \$1.35 and up.

Delivery Confirmation:

Delivery confirmation is 50 cents with Priority Mail service and 60 cents with First-Class mail parcels and Package Services parcels.

Signature Confirmation:

This service costs \$1.90.

Registered and Certified Mail:

Registered mail costs \$7.90 and up; certified mail is \$2.40.

Return Receipt:

A return receipt is available with the purchase of certified mail service, registered mail service, COD and mail insured for more than \$50. The price is \$1.35 by e-mail and \$1.85 by mail.

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Jean A. Zelek graduated from Grand Valley State University on Dec. 8, 2005, with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Physical Education (K-12) and a minor in Spanish.

Jean is the daughter of Mark and Debbie Zelek of Grayling and a 1999 graduate of Grayling High School.



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Thursday, January 5, 2006

From the pages of the Crawford County Avalanche **2005: Year In Review**

Happy New Year!

With 2005 at an end, the *Crawford County Avalanche* presents its annual Year In Review.

The Year In Review includes article summaries from stories featured in 2005 *Crawford County Avalanche* editions.

Article summaries are listed according to the newspaper edition date in which the story appeared.

The 2005 Year In Review will be

published in two parts. This week's *Crawford County Avalanche* includes the months of January through June.

The months of July through December will be featured in next week's *Crawford County Avalanche*.

6th

• Grayling area resident Thomas Henry Stevenson died on December 31 of the previous year. His death, resulting from a hereditary disease called Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, was grieved by his family, friends and the community at large.

• Weyerhaeuser donated \$1,000 to the City of Grayling to improve the ice rink behind city hall. The grant was issued partly in response to poor weather conditions which had reduced the rink to slush.

13th

• The newly elected Crawford County Board of Commissioners, headed by Chairman Dave Stephenson, decided that its first goals would be to address tight budgets, consider the restoration of the 24-hour road patrol and look into the relocation of the county building. Other board members included Terry Beardslee, Kathy Rogers, Scott Hanson, Mike Lange and Shelly Pinkelman.

• Local officials began the initiative to form the Community Action Plan, a program designed to separate the forest from the trees economically. The program was initiated in hopes of attracting federal funds designated to relieve rural communities which are dependent on the timber industry and are experiencing persisting poverty.

• The 1071st Maintenance Co.

out of Camp Grayling began preparation for deployment to Iraq. At the time, the company included about 40 men and women, including metal workers, machinists, crane operators, welders and specialized mechanics.

• Work began on removing the AuSable River Dam in response to safety concerns regarding the dam's stability. The project was also expected to improve the ecology of the surrounding AuSable ecosystem. The total project cost was \$385,000.

20th

• The Grayling Township Board of Trustees approved a settlement of a federal lawsuit which allowed an adult video and novelty store to open in the community. Sanctions limited the store's ability to exhibit offensive material in any way that is visible from outside the store. "Fantasies Unlimited" opened at the end of the month.

• The city ice rink was opened for recreational use under the management of City Council Member Roger Mosier.

• The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) unveiled plans to promote economic development within the district. Plans included the redevelopment of vacant storefronts and extending Michigan Ave. to connect with M-72 West.

27th

• Emil Kraus was named

10th

• Hundreds of people attended a Departure Ceremony, bidding farewell to the 1071st Maintenance Company, which left for a 12-month tour of duty in Iraq. • The 1439th and 1440th Engineer Detachments returned from their respective missions fighting fires for Operation Iraqi Freedom. • Grayling Promotional Association members hung yellow ribbons from utility poles in support of the troops. • Organizers for the AuSable Adventure Rally Ride began selling commemorative pins for the rally, raising funds for the Michigan National Guard's Family Support Fund, a fund earmarked to give support to families of troops who go through financial or medical hardships while they are deployed. • Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield followed up on a promise to personally place Neighborhood Watch signs at the entrance of the Sherwood Forest subdivision after residents banded together and formed the crime fighting initiative in their neighborhood.

3rd

McClellan, at the C.S. Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

• Three groups of snowmobilers traveled through the Grayling area to raise funds for their respective charities. The Wertz Warriors were in Crawford County for their annual fund raising initiative for the Michigan Special Olympics Winter Games. The inaugural Fun Run raised \$1,900 for the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. The Friends for Miracles, a group of women snowmobile riders, raised money to support Chris Minnick, a Grayling youngster diagnosed with Burkitt's Lymphoma.

• The Grayling Township Planning Commission approved an amendment to the township's zoning ordinance aimed at regulating and controlling adult oriented businesses following the opening of Fantasies Unlimited on M-72 West.

17th

• The Michigan Department of Natural Resources demanded that the Roscommon County Commissioners follow a 1998 Court Order which established winter and summer lake levels at Lake St. Helen to address dramatic fluctuations on the South Branch of the AuSable River. • Grayling residents donated three bikes and a bike lock to Tony Nguyen, a Buddhist monk who was volunteering at the

Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, after two bikes he used to get around town were stolen. • Mercy Hospital and local health care providers moved forward with plans to establish the AuSable Free Clinic to provide health care to the uninsured.

24th

The Athena Award went to Kay Cosgray.

• A departure ceremony was held for the 1071st Maintenance Company on Jan. 30. The next day, the company shipped off to

be trained in Texas, followed by eventual deployment to Iraq.

Area residents displayed yellow ribbons in honor of the departing soldiers.

• Community businesses

offered their input to DDA plans that had been unveiled earlier in the month. Forty people attended a forum in City Hall where the economic future of downtown Grayling was discussed.

January



Emil Kraus is named 2004 Citizen of the Year (January 27 edition)

February



1440th Engineer Detachment returns from Iraq (February 3 edition)

Michigan Department of Transportation officials changed original plans to shut down the I-75 Business Loop into Grayling for the entire month in September, 2005 after receiving complaints from business and hotel owners who count on tourism business during the early fall season. The work was rescheduled for May, 2006.

• Teri and John Lasby of Grayling were victorious in obtaining a guitar autographed by Ted Nugent during the Crawford County United Way's CARE Night Program. The Lasby's bid of \$1,575 was split between Nugent's Kamp for Kids and the Crawford County United

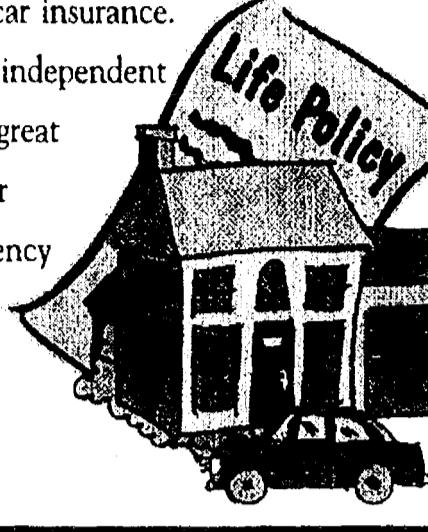
Way and was part of the \$10,000 raised at the event.

• Ninety-seven skiers took part in the Michigan Cup Marathon Cross County Ski Tournament at Hanson Hills, which was initially slated for January but had to be rescheduled for Feb. 19 due to a lack of snow.

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March



GHS Players present 'Guys and Dolls' (March 24 edition)

3rd

A group of Grayling employers and business officials took a two-hour tour on the Coast Guard ice breaker Biscayne Bay, which is based at the St. Ignace Coast Guard Station, as part of a program between the Michigan Committee for the National Guard and Reserve and the Coast Guard aimed at garnering support for military members who are part of the workforce.

DaimlerChrysler President and Chief Executive Officer Dieter Zetsche presented a \$100,000 check from the DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund to the Michigan National Guard Family Fund, a non-profit group which assists Guard families who encounter financial

hardships during a military deployment.

The Crawford County Historical Society received a \$2,000 grant from Great Lakes Energy's People Fund in order to make safety and security upgrades at the Crawford County Museum.

10th

The Michigan Audubon Society presented the President's Environmental Stewardship Award to the city of Grayling for the AuSable River Stormwater Retention Project.

The Grayling City Zoning Board of Appeals approved a variance and special use permit for a \$2 million addition to St. Mary's Church.

17th

The Anglers of the AuSable and the Sierra Club appealed the U.S. Forest Service's decision to allow Savoy Energy, an oil and gas firm based in Traverse City, to drill an oil well near the Mason Tract.

Construction crews for Pete's Contracting of Falmouth wrapped a \$385,000 project which involved installing a weir to control the height of Grayling's Millpond, removing the AuSable River dam and building a natural fish passage in Grayling's City Park.

Julee Dean started as director of the Crawford County Transportation Authority, taking the place of Dave Frederick, who retired after 21 years as director of the bus operation.

24th

Residents in retirement housing facilities in Grayling, Gaylord and Roscommon began collecting items which were sent in care packages to the troops in the 107th Maintenance Company after the unit was deployed to Iraq.

Students evacuated the



Julee Dean starts as director of the Crawford County Transportation Authority (March 17 edition)

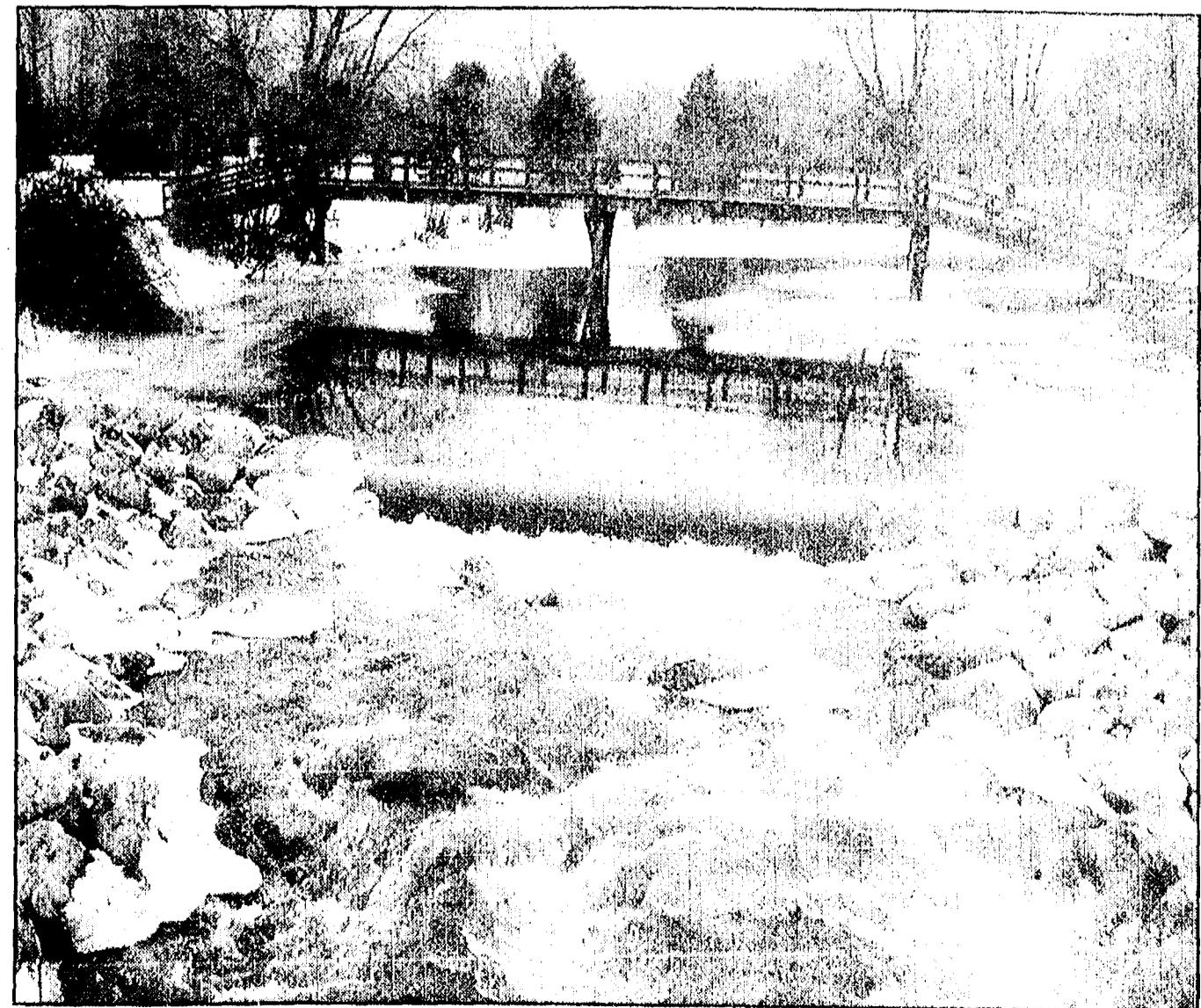
Ausable Primary and Grayling Elementary Schools and spent part of their school day at the Grayling Middle School after a power surge heated up lighting fixtures in several areas of the elementary school building, causing them to smoke.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County applied for a grant through a federal United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development program to help build a new animal shelter.

31st

The Grayling Township Board approved an amendment to the township ordinance at their March meeting, adding language to the zoning books meant to restrict and regulate adult businesses.

Hundreds of family and friends gathered at a memorial



Construction project is completed on AuSable Millpond dam (March 17 edition)

April



Buddy Day promotes organ donation (April 14 edition)

7th

Troops serving on the battlefields in Iraq with links to the Grayling area proudly showed their support for the Michigan State University men's and women's basketball programs while they were on their respective runs in the NCAA championship tournaments. The 1073rd Maintenance Company, which is under the command of Roscommon native Capt. Jim Jennette, had proudly raised the flag at their base in Iraq at the beginning of the NCAA Tournaments. Brig. Gen. Robert V. Taylor, the assistant adjutant general for the Michigan Army National Guard, gave a photo of the troops flying the flag to men's basketball coach Tom Izzo and women's coach Joanne P. McCallie.

The Michigan State Police Forensic Artists Team added age progression drawings of Michigan's Most Wanted fugitives to its website in an effort to increase the likelihood that someone might recognize one of the state's most wanted criminals.

14th

County officials planned to take a presentation to the public on the potential to relocate county offices and jail.

Bill Gannon, the owner of Gannon Broadcasting, offered to buy the county property in hopes of developing it along with the former Fred Bear Archery property. Gannon and county officials hope to open up land along the AuSable River to the public and extend Michigan Avenue out to M-72 to spur economic development in the downtown area.

Bill Smith, Jerry Coger and Terri Lasby were at the Grayling Secretary of State Branch Office on for Buddy Day, an initiative aimed at highlighting the critical

need for organ donations sponsored by the Gift of Life Michigan and Michigan Eye-Bank.

21st

Uniformed sergeants for the Houghton Lake post of the Michigan State Police returned to the road patrols as they split their time between administrative duties at the post and serving as patrol officers. The change was made in an effort to reach out to the public due to less walk-in traffic at the post.

The Devereaux Memorial Library prepared to hold an open house for the opening of fly fishing season to recognize that the library's George Griffith and Marion Wright Fly Fishing collection has become one of the nation's largest library collections dedicated to the art and science of fly-fishing.

Wellington Farm Park officials prepared to move the Stittsville Church, an 1880s era church, from Missaukee County's Norwich Township to Crawford County. The 26-mile move was made possible by a \$10,000 challenge grant from the Midland-based Charles J. Strosacker Foundation. Wellington Farm Park officials and volunteers were able to raise \$40,000 in donations and other grants to obtain the funds.

28th

The Grayling Eagles Club raised \$1,930 for the Eagles Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund, which goes to fund cancer research and to support hospice programs. Wendy Fleming had 20 inches of her hair cut off, which was sent to the Locks of Love program. Grayling Eagles President Doug McMurtie had his mustache shaved. Mac McCluskey, whose wife, Fran is a cancer survivor, had his beard and head shaved.



Wellington Farm Park prepares for the move of the historic Stittsville Church (April 21 edition)

Kevin Fleming and Gene Hawkins had their hair buzzed off for the fund-raiser.

Students at Grayling High School showcased their talents and skills for the community at the Grayling High School Dinner and Academic Open House. A total of \$400 in donations from a spaghetti dinner was taken in for the "GHS Heartship Fund," a fund which is earmarked to help students and families dealing with financial or medical hardships.



Michigan State Police Forensic Artists Team adds age progression drawings of Michigan's Most Wanted fugitives to its website (April 7 edition)


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Trip # 2
Thursday, January 12, 2006
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for Traverse City
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Departing the Center at 10:30 a.m.
Trip organized by the Crawford County Commission on Aging
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*Special event trips require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

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5rd
• Grayling Crime Lab technicians Jennifer Patchin and John Lucey and Oscoda Township Police Officer Mark David were given Awards for Professional Excellence from the Department of Michigan State Police for helping arrest Sandra M. Anderson, a once renowned trainer and handler of cadaver sniffing dogs who was charged with planting evidence at a crime scene.

• Keith Miles and Larry Amprin of Grayling, representing the AuSable Adventure Motorcycle Rally, presented a check for \$6,000 to MG Thomas G. Cutler, the Adjutant General of the Michigan National Guard. The check was the first installment from the fundraiser for the Family Support Fund, a fund earmarked to help families of deployed soldiers who experience medical or financial hardships.

• Grayling High School math teacher Barbara Febey was among 19 teachers who were honored during the annual Distinguished Teachers' Luncheon held at Northwood University in Midland.

• A logging truck snagged a power line on M-72 east of Grayling when the crane on a

semitrailer was raised while going down the road, causing several power poles to break and leaving several hundred people without power.

12th

• The American Business Women's Association's first "Taste of Chocolate" event held at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church raised \$540 for the organization's scholarship fund and allowed participants to taste dozens of homemade candies, fudge and brownies and purchase gifts for Mother's Day.

• Gaila J. Gilliland started her job as the economic development director for the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership, coming to the community from the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, where she served as the director of economic and community development.

• James M. Hulbert and Douglas Slater won two seats on the Crawford AuSable School District Board.

• Grayling High School was honored as a Coalition of Essential Schools' Affirmed School after completing a three-year school improvement process and recognizing the school staff's significant progress toward their goal of increasing student academic performance.



American Business Women's Association conducts first "Taste of Chocolate" event (May 12 edition)

• Natalie Kent, a 1999 Grayling High School graduate, promoted use of garlic mustard, an invasive plant which grows in the state which is edible, through the Michigan Nature Association, a non-profit organization which operates 160 nature sanctuaries across the state.

26th

• The Rialto Theatre held a 12:01 a.m. premiere of "Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith" for local Star Wars fans.

• Dixie Lobsinger resigned from her director's position at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County after overseeing shelter operations since 1991, when Crawford County ceased operating the animal shelter due to budget woes. Lobsinger vowed to continue to run shot and spay and neutering clinics to continue to

help animals in the county.

• The historic Stittsville Church, which first served as a place of worship for an 1880s logging town in Missaukee County, was moved from Norwich Township to the Wellington Farm Park by Hutchinson Davis Movers of Lake City.

• Michigan Court of Appeals affirmed Kent County Circuit Court Judge Dennis Kolenda's ruling which said that Crawford and Kalkaska Counties had to fund retirement, health care and pension benefits for 46th Trial Court employees. Following a six day-trial in the summer of 2003, Kolenda ruled that the benefits were necessary and a reasonable costs to fund the unified court, which covers Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties.



Grayling Crime Lab technicians Jennifer Patchin and John Lucey and Oscoda Township Police Officer Mark David receive Awards for Professional Excellence (May 5 edition)

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June



Over 200 bikers take part in the AuSable Adventure Rally (June 23 edition)

2nd

- Crawford AuSable School officials and the Crawford AuSable School District Veteran's Committee unveiled the high school's Military Hall of Honor during a program held on Memorial Day. The district is honoring all graduates who served in combat and non-combat roles in the military.

- Charles Fick, the owner of Charlie's Country Corner and president of Fick & Sons, Inc., announced that the annual Charlie's Country Corner Truck Show would not be held due to a lack of support from community partners as well as other economic concerns.

- Grayling brothers Jim and Marty Kitchen were recognized for 50 years as active members of the Grayling American Legion Post #106. The brothers joined the post in 1955 after tours in the Korean War. Jim served in the Air Force, and Marty was in the Navy.

9th

- Tom and Sharon Latuszek donated a safe to Grayling Township which was built by the Detroit Safe Company for the township in 1873. The safe was obtained by Tom Latuszek's father, John Latuszek, when the Grayling Township and Grayling City offices located on Ottawa Street were torn down in the 1960s.

- At its annual Senior Honors Night program at Grayling High School (GHS), graduates were recognized for their academic accomplishments and for receiving local scholarships. The class of 2005 earned over \$423,000 in scholarships from colleges, \$172,500 from the state of Michigan and \$38,700 in local scholarship funds for a total of \$634,200, the most ever earned by a GHS class.

- Thunderstorms made a swath through an area between Stephan Bridge Road and Wakeley Bridge Road in northeast Crawford County as winds reached as high as 60 miles per hour, causing several large trees and power poles and lines to fall. One inch hail pelted homes and automobiles during the storm.

16th

- The Grayling Township Board hired David Jager, a consultant on energy facility tax assessments, to determine the value of the Grayling Generating Station, which is owned by CMS Energy. Grayling Township and CMS Energy officials have been involved in litigation over the tax appraisals on the plant since 1996. CMS Energy offered to settle the dispute by having the

plant valued at \$9.7 million instead of the township's appraisal, which is \$21 million.



Sheriff's Office unveils Deputy Casey Crawford, a robotic puppet to assist with children's programs

(June 23 edition)

23th

- Over 200 bikers took part in the AuSable Adventure Rally held at Wellington Farm Park, raising over \$20,000 for the National Guard's Family Support Fund.

- The Crawford County Sheriff's Office unveiled Deputy Casey Crawford, a robotic puppet who joined the department to assist with children's programs such as DARE, Junior Deputy, Stranger Danger and other youth programs.

- The Crawford County Deputies Association, local businesses and organizations raised \$6,000 to bring Casey Crawford to the community.

- Leslie Devereaux Day was held in Crawford County to honor Devereaux for her support of the Crawford County Library System. Devereaux donated over \$500,000 to build the

Devereaux Memorial Library in 2002, ensuring that future generations of Crawford County will have a community library which will provide life long learning for many generations to come. Devereaux wanted to honor her grandfather, William Devereaux, and father, Richard Devereaux, who were avid readers, fly fishermen and sportsmen who started coming to the Grayling area in the 1920s to fish on the South Branch of the AuSable River. The six townships in Crawford County, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners and the Grayling City Council all passed resolutions honoring Devereaux's generosity to the community.

30th

- Mercy Hospital Grayling unveiled the hospital's updated surgery department and maternal and newborn wing, which received a \$2.6 million facelift, the first structural changes in those areas of the medical facility since the 1960s.

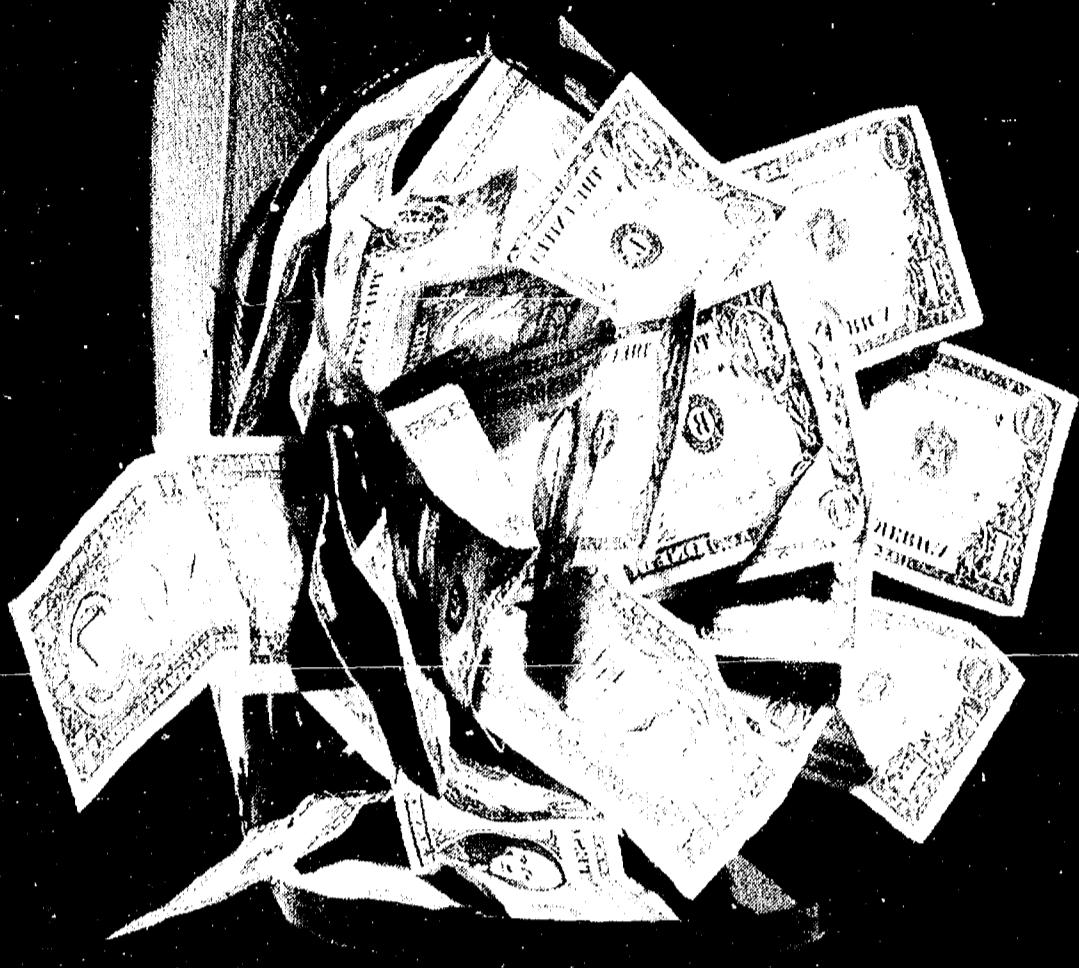
- The Tommy Stevenson Memorial MDA Charity Golf Outing was held at the Grayling Country Club in honor of Stevenson, who was known for his smile and ability to brighten the lives of others. Stevenson died on December 31, 2004 at the age of 21. He had Duschenne Muscular Dystrophy, a hereditary disease which impacts the body's muscular system.

- Demolition of St. Mary's Church, which was built in the 1950s, took place as the church began undergoing a \$2 million renovation and addition project.



Thunderstorms cause trees and power lines to fall in northeast Crawford County (June 9 edition)

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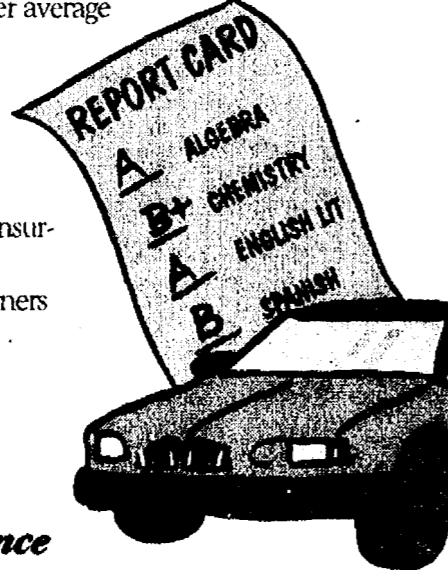
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LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

December 12, 2005

MEETING

The regular meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 7:00 PM. Board members present: Riley, Summers, Balmes, and Hartman. Absent: Little. There were 10 visitors present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and carried.

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield was present to answer questions and give us an update on the Sheriff's Department.

Reports given by the Treasurer, Supervisor and Fire Chief.

There were 4 pieces of correspondence.

7:30 Public Hearing

Weyerhaeuser has requested an

Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for the construction of a new building. The Public Hearing lets the residents and taxing authorities give their opinion on consideration of the requested IFT.

The township received one written correspondence from the Library supporting the request. No one else in the audience had any comments.

Old Business:

1. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Hartman to approve one extra hour per day for the secretary to work on our web site. Ayes: 4; nays: 0. Motion carried.

2. Request from Mauers for funding of road paving for phase three of Deerfield Estates. We will discuss next month when we know if the plat is up to date.

3. Discussion regarding changes to our general insurance policy.

New Business:

1. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Balmes to approve the Resolution Approving Application for Weyerhaeuser Company for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for a New Facility

Hanson Hills to host two cross country ski races

■ Michigan Cup Marathon and Hanson Hills Classic set for Jan. 14-15

Hanson Hills Recreation Area will host a pair of cross country ski races during the weekend of Jan. 14 and 15 – a Michigan Cup Marathon point race on Saturday and the Hanson Hills Classic on Sunday.

Both races will feature divisions for men, women, and juniors. At Saturday's Michigan Cup Marathon race, the men's division will race a 30k course and women and juniors will compete on a 15k course. The Hanson Hills Classic will feature a 12k course for the men's and women's divisions and a 6k junior division course.



Michigan Cup Marathon cross country ski race at Hanson Hills

The Michigan Cup Marathon and Hanson Hills Classic both begin at 10 a.m. Both races will feature awards for the first male and female finishers and medals for the top three males and females in each age division.

The registration cost for the Michigan Cup Marathon event is \$25 postmarked by Jan. 7. Late registration fee is \$30. The cost to sign up for the Hanson Hills Classic is \$20 postmarked by Jan. 7. Late registration cost is

\$25. Late registrations will be accepted from 8:30-9:45 a.m. on race day for both events. Registration forms are available at the Hanson Hills/Grayling Recreation Authority web site at www.hansonhills.org.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League	Bear's Den Pizza	31 - 37	
Hawk Ridge	8 - 4	Lone Pine	29 - 39
Mickey Perez, CPA	8 - 4	Sylvester's Sports	26 - 42
Coldwell Banker	8 - 4	High Series Women: M. Rysso, 470; H. Stairs, 469; P. Gillies, 444. High Game Women: D. Mead, 168; M. Rysso, 167; H. Stairs, 165. High Series Men: P. Faustman, 570; B. Hollis, 534; K. Harris, 505. High Game Men: P. Faustman, 214; D. Germain, 213; B. Hollis, 206.	
Woody Girls	8 - 4	National First	
American Legion	5 - 7	Flowers By Josie	43.5 - 24.5
Gr. Nursing Center	5 - 7	Upper Lakes	10 - 4
Glen's Market	3 - 9	Great Lakes Mort.	10 - 4
Days Inn	3 - 9	Scott Pittman Blvd.	9 - 5
High Series: L. Hanson, 508; B. Wheeler, 484; N. Root, 479. High Game: L. Hanson, 200; B. Wheeler, 192; M. Starks, 188.		Corky's Karaoke.	9 - 5
High Game: L. Hanson, 200; B. Wheeler, 192; M. Starks, 188.		J-Bar	7 - 7

Senior Bowling

Flowers By Josie	43.5 - 24.5
Spike's	41 - 27
Kicking Grass	37 - 31
Stitches By Sue	33 - 35
Grayling Pharmacy	31.5 - 36.5

Faustman Insurance

Sawmill

Legion Lanes

High Series: D. Walker, 625; D. Yelivek II, 620; D. Lawe, 612.

High Game: D. Yelivek II, 233; P. Benardo Sr., 229; R. Sartin, 224.

Friday Mixed Doubles

IMM.

American Legion

New "Kids"

Moshier Auto Repair

Lucky & Laura's

Double Trouble

Grayling Chiropractic

Moore's Auto

High Series: Larry Davis, 716;

Lance Davis, 690; J. Hunt, 650.

High Game: Larry Davis, 290; J. Hunt, 257; Lance Davis, 255.

Williamson, 217; P. Benardo,

214. High Series Women: P. Benardo, 547; J. Williamson, 485; S. Johnson, 479; High

Game Women: P. Benardo, 205; C. Lewis, 183; S. Johnson, 179.

American Men's League

McLeans ACE

Dervich Ind.

Canfield's

GADCO

Scheer Motors

Fenton's Auto Serv.

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distributed and placed on file.

3. Correspondence: (No action required) Chamber News-12/05, Recycling Report-10/05, Building Dept Report-10/05, FYI Burnister regarding agreement with state military board, Info regarding Charter vs General Law Townships.

4. A Public Hearing regarding creation of a Special Assessment District to rebuild Ole Dam Road from Turner Trail to Nottingham Drive was held at 6:30 p.m. December 14, 2005. The estimated cost from the Crawford County Road Commission is \$34,000.00. Questions were raised regarding the condition of the bridge, drainage and parking at the bridge, snowmobiles, signage and detours during construction.

Motion by O'Mara, seconded by Krayes, to attach an addendum to the minutes of June 29, 2005, Special Meeting Item 5A clarifying transfer of excess unallocated fringe benefits from control accounts to departments. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Long, seconded by Krayes, to amend the 2005-06 General Fund Budget to allocate fringe benefit control accounts to various departments. All ayes, motion carried.

6. Motion by Long, seconded by Krayes, to delay action on and extend the Public Hearing until issues of concern raised at the Public Hearing can be clarified. Property owners north of Turner Trail using Ole Dam Road for access will be notified by mail of new hearing date. All ayes, motion carried.

7. Motion by Long and seconded by Ashton to adopt Social Security Number Privacy Policy in the format recommended by the Michigan Township Association. All ayes, motion carried. (See Attachment "A")

8. Motion by Long, seconded by Krayes, to attach an addendum to the minutes of June 29, 2005, Special Meeting Item 5A clarifying transfer of excess unallocated fringe benefits from control accounts to departments. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Long, seconded by Krayes, to amend the 2005-06 General Fund Budget to allocate fringe benefit control accounts to various departments. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Long, seconded by Krayes, to approve payment of claims on vouchers 3878, 3891-92, 3919-3958.

Board & Comm. Fees \$695.00, Liquor Insp. \$120.00 for a grand total of \$36,414.29. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Motion to adjourn, carried. All ayes. (8:15 p.m.)

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

-29-5-12-19

STATE OF MICHIGAN

83rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COURT ORDER FOR

ALTERNATIVE SERVICES

CASE NO. 05-2983-GC-1

Court Address 200 W. Michigan Avenue,

Grayling, MI 49738.

Court Tel. 989-348-2841

Plaintiff

FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY

VS

Defendant

JAMES NEELY

4580 E. Sterling Rd.

Sterling, MI 48659

Plaintiff's attorney

POLC & SZUBA, P.L.C.

MICHAEL S. SZUBA (P51320)

40500 Ann Arbor Road

Plymouth, Michigan 48170

(734) 254-1080

THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon defendant James Neely, cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:

2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following method(s):

First class mail to:

James Neely 4580 E. Sterling Rd.

Sterling, MI 48659

Tacking or firmly affixing to the door:

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT; ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW.

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASES AT FORECLOSURE SALE: Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Lionel Richardson and Marty J. Richardson, husband and wife, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), dated April 24, 1998, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on May 4, 1998, in Liber 452, Page(s) 470, et seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$90,134.69, together with interest at 6.23 percent per annum.

Now THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on February 1, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., in the Lobby of the Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Crawford, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

LOT 3, JANICE MANOR, GRAYLING TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 3 OF PLATS, PAGE 22, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.

Green Tree Servicing LLC
(f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation)

By:
DONALD A. BRANDT (P30183)
Attorneys for Mortgage
1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817
Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817
(231) 941-9660

Dated: December 29, 2005

-5-12-19-26

MORTGAGE SALE
THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT; ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Miller and Heather Miller, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated June 10, 2005 and recorded July 6, 2005 in Liber 676, Page 158, Crawford County Records.

There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Twenty and 56/100 Dollars (\$60,520.56) including interest at the rate of 7.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock am, on January 25, 2006.

Said Premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The North 10.01 Acres of the South 40.04

Acres of East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of

Section 3, Town 26 North, Range 3 West,

Grayling Township, Crawford County,

Michigan. TAX ID NO. 20-040-41-003-

16-020-00

The Redemptions period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated December 15, 2005

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS"), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns THE HUNTINGTON MORTGAGE COMPANY, Mortgagee, dated May 24, 2002, and recorded on June 4, 2002 in Liber 583, on Page 436, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY SIX AND 41/100 DOLLARS (\$65,836.41), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock am, on January 25, 2006.

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



This photo was taken in front of the Grayling Country Club on December 26, 1982. Due to the unseasonably warm weather the trio of (L to R) Bob Hickey, Dave Ross Sr., and Irv McIsaac played a round of golf.

23 Years Ago

January 6, 1983

The golf course must have been crowded around Christmas as another threesome of Mary Jane Knibbs, Holly Knibbs and Michael Elliott got in some golf. Since cross country skiing was out, Joe and Faith Stripe took their bikes for a ride on Christmas Day.

"From our Corner", by Whitey Madsen. Christmas 1982, the temperature was a balmy 60 degrees in Traverse City, where we spent it. We talked to folks in Nevada and found it was warmer in Traverse City than it was in Nevada.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Dept. and the Grayling City

Police reported a slow, safe New Years Eve. Only one drunk driving charge was reported and no serious accidents were recorded in the city and county.

Whether there is snow or not, the first big adult night party of the year will be held at Hanson Hills. The entire adult community is invited to the park for a wine and cheese party.

Fatal accidents and assaults filled police logbooks turning 1982 into a tragic year for Crawford County.

The 7th and 8th grade boys basketball teams traveled to Kalkaska. They came back with a sweep, the 7th grade winning 34 - 8 and the 8th grade with a come from behind win, winning 44 -

38.

Kirtland Community College ran an ad for their programs and their tuition rates are as follows: \$20 per credit hour for in-district, \$26 per credit hour for out-of-district, and \$32 per credit hour for out-of-state students.

46 Years Ago

January 7, 1960

There are some law changes important to fisherman of Crawford County which took effect January 1, 1960. Perhaps the one most are interested in is the opening of designated lakes for the taking of Rainbow Trout during January and February through the ice.

Mrs. Roy Warner picked a bouquet of pansies from her flower garden on Dec. 27, and they had not been covered with straw or anything.

The Black and White Market advertised Pinconning cheese for 49¢ per lb., and 2 dozen eggs for 79¢.

Karl Palmatier, president of the National Field Archers Association (NFAA), met with the Grayling Bowhunters committee and confirmed Grayling as the location for the 1960 NFAA Championship Tournament.

Spike's Keg O'Nails is hosting a cocktail hour from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The annual Christmas program at the Feldhauser school was presented on December 22, under the direction of the teacher, Mrs. Arthur Wakeley.

Two plays were presented: The Big Bad Wolf's Christmas and The Moon of Wintertime.

69 Years Ago

January 7, 1937

With three places to dance and many watch parties being given, old and young of our town folk waved farewell to 1936 and ushered in 1937. Probably not since the depression have as many people rung out the old and rung in the new with so much enthusiasm.

Considerable consternation aroused first of the week when a report went out that it was the intention of the County Road Commissioners to have the McMaster Bridge abandoned. An investigation was made and the board denied that the matter had ever come up and they had no intentions of abandoning the bridge. Without the bridge, people residing in that district would have to drive 24 miles to reach the opposite bank of the river.

Items from Nick's Pure Food Store, peanuts in a shell, 2 lbs. for 25¢ and kerosene, one gallon for 12¢.

92 Years Ago

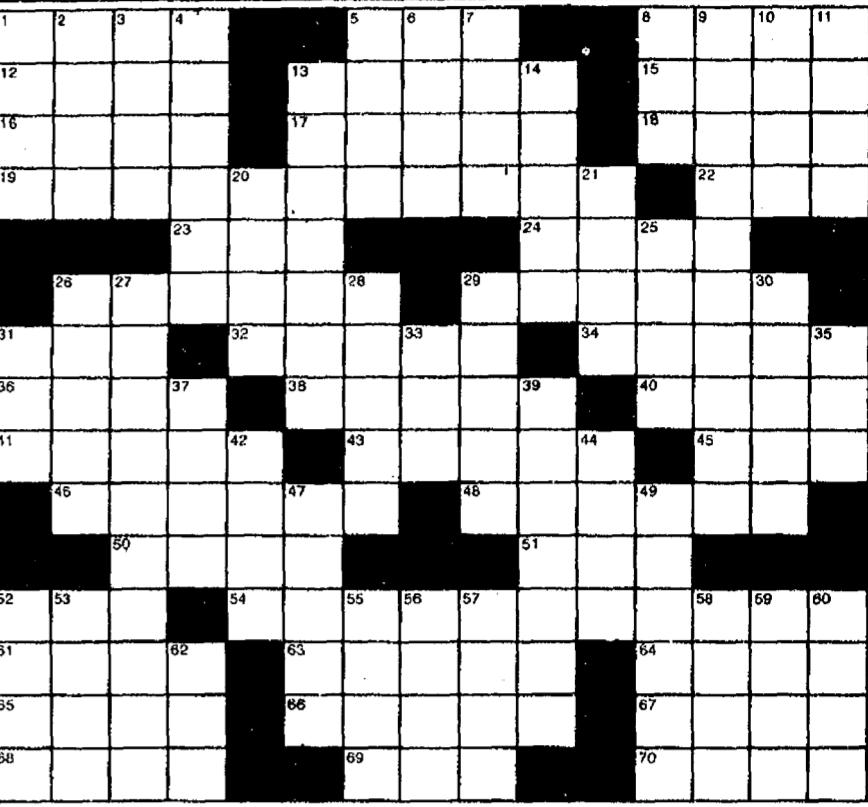
January 8, 1914

A.E. Hendrickson has moved his tailor shop from the rooms over Collen's restaurant into the store recently occupied by Mrs. F.E. Gregory as a millinery shop.

R.W. Brink left for Gaylord, where he is scaling lumber at one of Salling Hanson's Company's camps near there.

Miss Anna Brown is the new clerk at the Model Bakery.

CROSSWORD



Across

- Influenza.
- Ruddy.
- Engage in.
- Prescribed course for ships.
- Chef _ Batali.
- Egg-shaped figure.
- Variant of "Ayda."
- Something that reveals.
- Small areas of a room set back into a wall.
- Announces officially.
- Mauna _ volcano in Hawaii.
- Tropical American bird with black plumage and a long tail.
- Young Men's Christian Association.
- Heart of _ 1916 film starring Myrtle Gonzalez.
- Past participle of "learn."
- TV show starring Billy Ray Cyrus.
- Love of fine objects of art.
- Corn salad.
- Place in a criminal court where a prisoner stands during the trial.
- Tall, tropical palms of southeastern Asia that have egg-shaped nuts.
- English political party.
- Positions something to make it balanced.
- Imbecilic.
- Electrocardiogram.
- Small branches of a plant with leaves in them.
- Having a woven pattern.
- Initial contribution a player makes to the pot in poker.
- Tear apart.
- Acronym for Over the Top.
- Not at all suited to the circumstances.
- Acronym for Acid Rain Information Clearinghouse.
- Break or tear apart.
- Laine, British singer.
- Representation of the cross on which Jesus died.
- Made pain or sorrow easier to bear.
- Turing, British mathematician and computer scientist.
- Make synchronous and adjust in time.
- Japanese monetary unit.
- Scandinavian form of "Laurence."

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

ADOPT A PET



Gizmo

is a soft, cuddly Ragamuffin with the tiniest meow, just about 1 year old.



Stanley

is a 1 year-old playful husky/cattle-dog mix who gets along with other dogs.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling

Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date H L SNOW

12/28 31 29 0

12/29 33 29 0

12/30 31 25 0

12/31 30 24 3

1/1 21 24 0

1/2 34 24 0

1/3 34 24 0

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High	31	23	25	30	30	32
Low	17	17	23	24	23	23
Snow	Snow Shower	Snow Shower	Few Snow Showers	Snow Shower	Snow Shower	Snow Shower

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Open-Faced Spinach Omelet Sandwich

Cooking spray

4 cups fresh whole baby spinach leaves or 6 oz. chopped large spinach leaves
1 tablespoon water
4 eggs

1/2 cup low-fat (1%) cottage cheese
2 teaspoons Italian seasoning, crushed
1 (8- to 9-inch) plain, tomato or herb-seasoned focaccia bread; split crosswise (about 5 oz.)
4 tomato slices

Evenly coat 10-inch omelet pan or skillet with spray. Add spinach and water. Cover. Cook over medium heat until spinach is wilted, about 1 minute. Pour out liquid, if necessary. In medium bowl, beat together eggs, cheese and seasoning until blended. Pour over spinach mixture. Gently stir to evenly distribute mixture in pan. Cover. Cook over medium heat until egg mixture is almost set, about 4 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Let stand, covered, until egg mixture is completely set, about 2 to 3 minutes. With pancake turner or spatula, slide frittata from pan onto bottom half of bread. Top with tomato slices and top half of bread. To serve, cut into wedges.

Makes 4 Servings

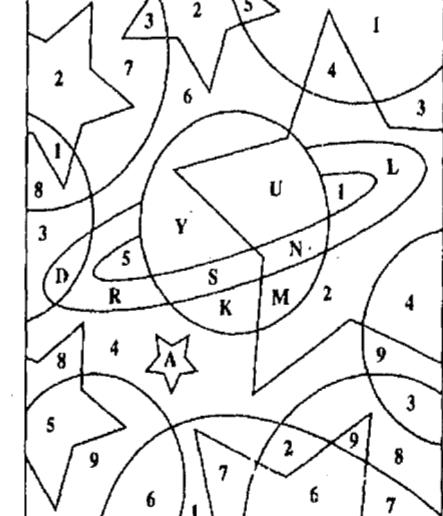
JUKE Kiddy

FIND THE TWINS
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

DID YOU KNOW ??

The king of hearts, on playing cards, is the only king without a moustache.

HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of January 5, 2006

	A new year has begun, Capricorn. Clean out the closets and make room for a fresh look. A cozy night by the fire tops off the weekend.
	You've been caught in the coattails of a coworker for far too long. Move out into the forefront and strut your stuff. You won't regret it.
	The holidays are officially over. Time to get your finances back on track. Cut back on spending, make a budget and stick to it. An acquaintance receives good news.
	Oh, Gemini. You don't think you can take it another day, but guess what, you can and you will. It takes time to work through life's problems and you just need to be patient.
	This is the week to turn your life around, Aquarius. Don't blow it. Get the help you need and resolve once and for all to get out of trouble and stay out of trouble.
	Your obsession with home improvement is about to bring you big rewards. Not only will you be the envy of the neighborhood, but you may even win a prize.
	What appears to be a mission impossible falls into your lap. Don't be fooled. The task is doable and you have the means to get it done. Proceed with caution and the glory will be yours.
	This is the week to turn your life around, Aquarius. Don't blow it. Get the help you need and resolve once and for all to get out of trouble and stay out of trouble.
	You're overcome with emotion as things start to unravel at home. Take a break from the action and pull yourself together. Your boss is watching!
	It's time to get your act together, Gemini. Dreams will come true and problems will be resolved. Share your good fortune with others or risk losing it all.
	Change in venue brings out your romantic side, Sagittarius. Grab a bottle of bubbly and celebrate the dawn of a new year with that special someone. A computer glitch taints the weekend.
	February 19-March 20

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN Properties www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)
CITY LOT on the AuSable, \$43,000. Call 231-599-2895. (12/22/05tf/1)

1. Real Estate

CRAWFORD COUNTY UNITED WAY is seeking donations of buildable land for future fund raiser. Contact Linda Williams at 989-348-9300. (11/24/05tf/1)

1. Real Estate

NORTH OF GRAYLING new log home. 3 bedroom/2 bath, wooded lot, very well built, 2005. Must see. Call Robert, (517) 706-2509. (-5-12/1)

TRIPLEX IN TOWN on the AuSable, \$120,000. Call 231-599-2895. (12/22/05tf/1)

1. Real Estate

PUBLIC NOTICE Real Estate Auction. By court, bank or seller order. Sells: 8:30 am Tue., Jan. 17 on site. Opening bid: \$1,000. 604 Spruce, Grayling. 2BR 1.0BA 975sf+ single-family. Inspections 1-4 pm Sun. before sale day and 2 hrs before sale time. Visit williamsauction.com or call 800-801-8003. (-29-5-12/1)

RECENTLY FORECLOSED

2 bedroom home at 580 Arbutus Court, Arbutus Beach, Gaylord, near Otsego Lake. \$19,900, \$1,000 down, 11% interest, 11.712% APR, 15 year payments of \$215 per month. Drive by then call Mr. Shepherd 517-336-7626. No call before driving by. Equal Housing Lender. (-5-12/1)

A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD can always be found in the Avalanche Real Estate Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$6.90 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$5.00 for 15 words or

less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing: www.townnews.com/avalanche/

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday



2. For Rent

NICE CLEAN TWO BEDROOM mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. \$425 plus deposit. No pets. 348-2418. (-5-12/2)

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY house and cottage rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, on Higgins Lake and on Houghton Lake. Higgins North Vacation Rentals. (989) 821-3434. (12/02/04tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE for rent. \$450 and up. 989-348-5278. References, some pet restrictions. Seniors welcome. (-12/02/04tf/2)

OFFICE SPACE individual or multiple. Includes DSL, heat, electric, water, lunch room, conference room and use of existing phone system. Ample parking and high traffic location; immediate occupancy and flexible lease term. \$395/month. 989-348-5474, ask for Randy Thompson. (09/08/05tf/2)

2. For Rent

FOR RENT Grayling Housing Commission

Is taking applications for a (1) bedroom apartment. Base Rent is based on 30% of Adjusted Income Maximum Ceiling Rents

1 Bedroom.....\$400
Rent Includes Utilities

308 Lawndale Drive
989-348-9314



1. Real Estate

LAKEFRONT HOME FOR SALE
4 bedroom, 2 bath, garage and guesthouse with 100 feet of lake frontage on beautiful Lake Margarethe, 3222 Portage Ave., \$550,000. Call toll-free 866-245-8977 for more information.

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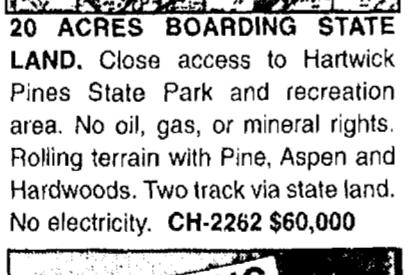
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NEW LISTING
22.2 ACRES FRONTING PASSENHEIM ROAD. Beautiful acreage between Waters and Otsego Lake. 402' fronting blacktop county road. Front half open meadow. Back half rolling hardwoods. \$66,000 CH-2265

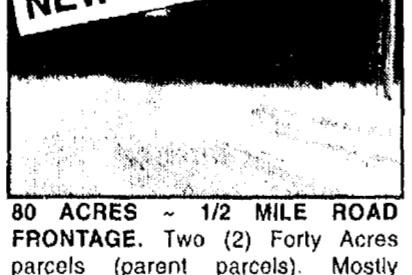


NEW LISTING
20 ACRES BOARDING STATE LAND. Close access to Hartwick Pines State Park and recreation area. No oil, gas, or mineral rights. Rolling terrain with Pine, Aspen and Hardwoods. Two track via state land. No electricity. CH-2262 \$60,000



NEW LISTING

80 ACRES ~ 1/2 MILE ROAD FRONTAGE. Two (2) Forty Acres parcels (parent parcels). Mostly matured Red Pines and Aspen. Groomed snowmobile trails through property. Beautiful rolling terrain. Blacktop access road. \$168,000 CH-2267



NEW LISTING

"OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME"

ENTIRE SECTION OF LAND, 640 ACRES. One mile of frontage on blacktop. One mile fronting Mackinaw State Forest. Rolling terrain, electric, and across the street from Wilderness Valley/Black Forest Golf Resort. \$1,280,000 CH-2199



NEW LISTING

BEST OF THE BEST

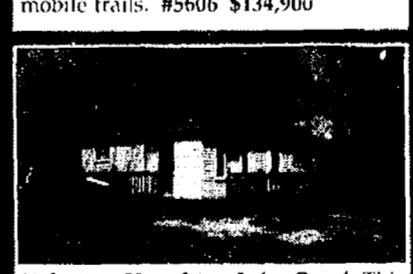
BEAUTIFUL HARDWOOD LOTS FOR SALE. Several building sites to choose from in Bradford Lake Hills. Close to Snowmobile Trails and State Land. Call for a complete list. Priced from \$3,500 to \$4,500.



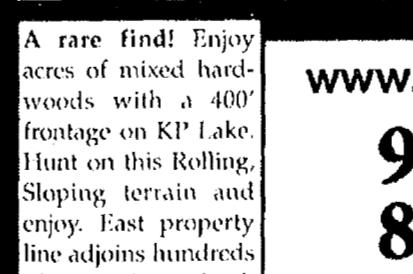
NEW LISTING
Two adorable homes on one parcel, only steps away from Higgins Lake. Have your mortgage paid for you by living in the front home and renting the back. Past rents were at \$950 and \$650 per week, or \$200 by the night. #5615 \$149,000



An excellent four season recreational setting. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with an attached, heated garage on 3.3 acres with 203' of frontage on the upper AuSable and a short ride to the snowmobile trails. #5606 \$134,900



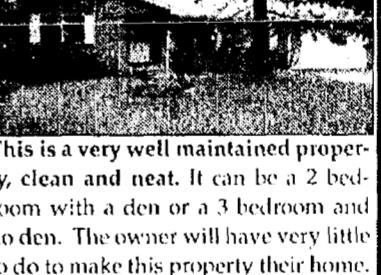
40 feet on Houghton Lake Canal. This 2 bedroom cabin has a car garage for storing your toys. New updates on home include: siding, windows, paint and carpet. Corner lot right across from a Marina. #5503 \$69,500



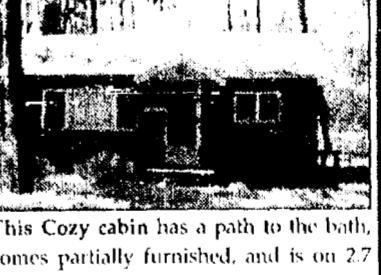
A rare find! Enjoy acres of mixed hardwoods with a 400' frontage on K.P. Lake. Hunt on this Rolling, Sloping, terrain and enjoy. East property line adjoins hundreds of acres of state land. \$360,000 #5583



NEW LISTING
Great location and well maintained home features 3 bedrooms, living room, family room with fireplace, and then in the full basement there is a den, game room/bar area and utility room. Attached 2-car garage and a large fenced yard. #5617 \$115,000



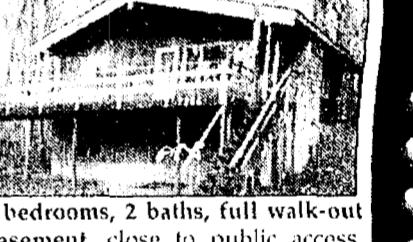
This is a very well maintained property, clean and neat. It can be a 2 bedroom with a den or a 3 bedroom and no den. The owner will have very little to do to make this property their home. #5607 \$127,500



This Cozy cabin has a path to the bath, comes partially furnished, and is on 2.7 acres. Recent updates include, newer electrical service and new kitchen cabinets. Close to the AuSable River and Wakeley Lake recreational activities. #5580 \$32,000



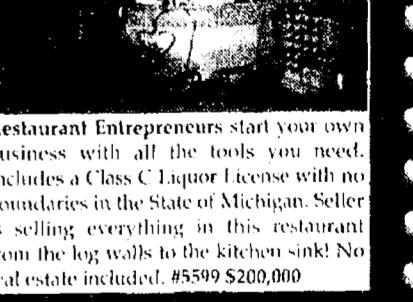
100% wooded 10.10-acre parcel perfect for hunting on with a rolling terrain and plenty of room to roam. Enjoy the relaxing atmosphere. \$36,000 #5570



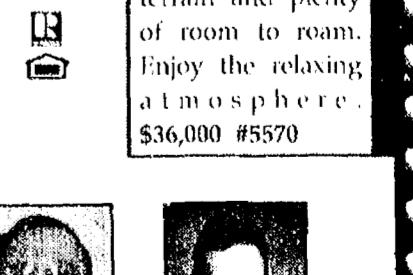
COMMERCIAL
Restaurant Entrepreneurs start your own business with all the tools you need. Includes a Class C Liquor License with no boundaries in the State of Michigan. Seller is selling everything in this restaurant from the log walls to the kitchen sink! No real estate included. #5599 \$200,000



Fantastic location with updates galore! Spotless 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home with split stone fireplace. Attached 2-car garage, large fenced back yard with deck, sunroom and more! #5608 \$123,500



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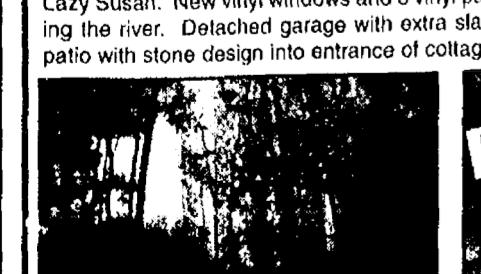
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2. For Rent

OLDER 2 BEDROOM HOUSE near north end of Higgins Lake, C/A schools. Will consider pet. \$474 per month. References plus security deposit. 989-275-4126. (-29-5-12/2)

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KITCHENETTE FOR RENT No deposit and includes all utilities, cable TV, stove, refrigerator. Weekly or monthly. Western Trails Motel, (989) 348-7681. (LR1/26/06/2)

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH attached garage, large yard with Manistee River access. \$900 per month plus utilities, security. Call for an application. 989-348-2288 or 989-390-2453. (LR1/26/06/2)

FOR RENT One bedroom apartment located in town. \$425 per month, utilities included. Call 370-2745 or 710-1194. (-5-12sgf/2)

3. Employment

RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT Local quick service restaurant seeking experienced shift leaders. Positions available in both Gaylord and Grayling locations. Wage commensurate with experience. Please apply at the Gaylord location. Phone 731-4700 for an appointment. (-5-12/3)

LARGEST COURIER IN MIDWEST in need of substitute drivers with a 20 foot box truck, and substitute drivers with an extended cargo van, and also substitute drivers with a car. Please call 1-989-344-0499 for inquiries. (-22-29-5/3)

LEELIN HOME HEALTH CARE, INC is accepting applications for home health aids for Grayling and surrounding areas. We offer competitive wages and benefit packages for both part and full-time positions. If interested in being a part of our rewarding team, please contact us at our corporate office, 1-800-274-0100, Monday - Friday, 8am - 4pm to schedule an interview. EOEs. (-5-12/3)

3. Employment

HILLTOP MANOR Health Care Center is seeking a full-time Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant. An Associates Degree is required. Excellent wages and benefit package. Please contact Jamee Eanes at 989-275-8936. Hilltop Manor is an equal opportunity employer. (-5-12-19/3)

NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION Posting date: December 20, 2005. Position: High School Varsity Boy's Baseball Coach.

Qualifications: Baseball background in playing baseball and/or active coaching experience. Additional information available at 403 E. Michigan Avenue. Apply to: Joseph P. Powers, Superintendent. Crawford AuSable Schools, 403 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. Deadline: 4 p.m., January 9, 2006. Crawford AuSable School District, equal opportunity/affirmative action statement. (-22-5/3)

ATTENTION DRIVERS no experience necessary. TMC Transportation needs drivers. \$650 per week guaranteed. Off weekends. For CDL training with CIDI, 800-882-7364. (-5-19/3)

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for experienced truck drivers with valid CDL's and clean driving record's, heavy equipment operators, septic pump truck operators and ready-mix truck operators. Jack Millikin Inc., 4680 North Down River Rd., Grayling. 989-348-8411. (LR1/12/06/3)

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DRIVER'S EDUCATION and Road Student Testing. Segment 1 begins Jan. 9 and March 1. Segment 2 begins Feb. 6 and March 7. Call 989-348-8838 for registration materials. Lowest rates in Crawford County. (LR1/05/05/4)

CAR DETAILING: Let JJ's Motor Mall make your vehicle sparkle, inside & out! 348-7710. (9/29/05tf/4)

SNOW PLOWING Commercial and residential. Roof shoveling, sidewalks and patios. Call Rob at home, (989) 344-0639. Cell phone, (989) 370-7225. (LR1/26/05/4)

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KATZ CLEANING SERVICE running New Years special. 10% off all new customers for month of January. Quality service for all your cleaning needs. Insurance and references. 989-821-5259. (-5-12/4)

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5. For Sale

1996 POLARIS XLT TOURING 2,800 miles, good condition, \$1,500 or best. 344-8032. (-5-12/5)

ANTIQUES ARMOIRE was \$475, will sacrifice for \$250. 348-2428. (-5-12sgf/5)

6. Wanted

WANTED-SCRAP VEHICLES top dollar paid. Pick up available. 888-471-3818. (3/3/05tf/6)

8. Announcements

SALE at Fabrics and More. 20% off on selected flannels and fleece. Openings are still available for knitting and basic sewing classes. Call or stop in for more information. 344-0986, across from Rochette's IGA. (-5-12/8)

YOGA AND T'AI CHI classes, Thursdays at CRAF Center in Roscommon, starting Jan. 12. 5:15 - 6:15, T'ai Chi I. 6:15 - 7:15, T'ai Chi II. 7:30 - 9, Yoga. \$45 each 6 week session. Call Kaye to register. 989-348-1722. (-5-12/8)

8. Announcements

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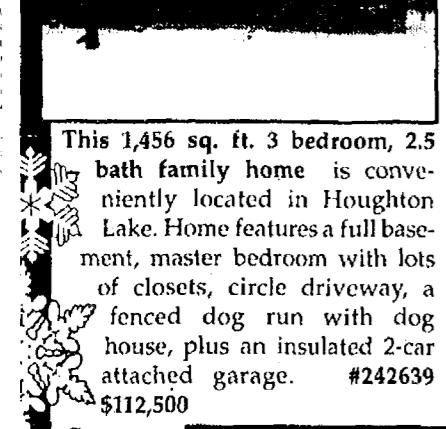
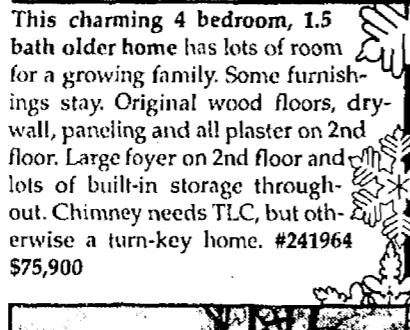
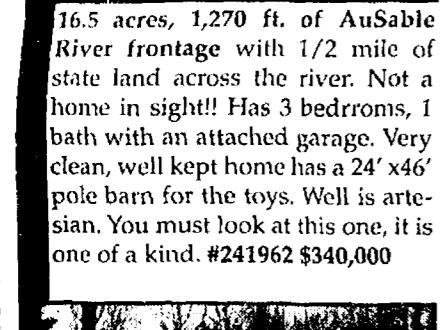
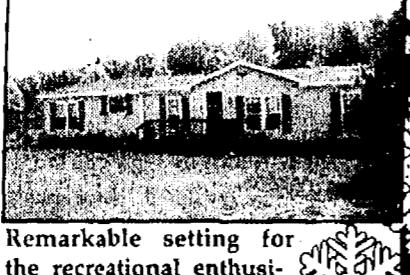
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